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EXPLOSION KILLS TWO

Lehigh Valley Engine Blew up Near VanEtten, N. Y.

THREE OTHER MEN INJURED.

The Dead , South Wa .icMahon of , .—Story of the Frightful Accident.

The Lehigh Valley suffered a frightful accident late Friday afternoon on what is known as the swamp siding between Vanetten and Spencer by the explosion of the boiler of an engine, resulting in the killing of Leon Dennison of South Waverly and Henry McMahon of South Waverly and the severe injuring of Frank Swartout of Waverly and Martin Gallagher and Irving Morse, both of Sayre.

The engine was No. 1161, a local freight engine and the train is known among railroaders as the "old road pick-up." The train works between Sayre and Geneva and was returning to Sayre late in the afternoon when the explosion occurred. The train crew consisted of Frank Swartout, engineer, Martin Galligher, conductor, Irving Morse, fireman, Henry McMahon and Joseph McMahon, brothers, brakemen, Leon Dennison, freight handler, and George Tim flagman.

While on the swamp switch and running at a low rate of speed a fearful roar was heard, a column of white steam shot upward in the air and through the white mass the boiler of the engine was hurled by the force of the liberated steam. The boiler stopped 200 feet from where it started in its flight, acording too the Athens in its flight, according to the Athens

When the boiler shot upward the engineman, the conductor and the freight handler fell from the cab and struck in the soft mud of the swamp. For one instant they were surrounded by scalding steam and in the next instant they were plunged in cold water and mud. Morse was blown from the gangway with but few scalds and landed in the swamp, the least injured of the crew, in spite of the fact that he stood in what is generally considered the most perilous position on an engine. McMahon was also hurled in the swamp and evidently landed on his left arm and head, for the base of the skull was fractured and on his left arm there were two long gashes.

Bringing Men to Hospital.

A train was at once sent out from Sayre with doctors aboard. It was delayed on the trip but finally reached the scene of the wreck. The five injured men were placed on the caboose and the trip to Sayre begun. When the engine and caboose reached Sayre, affter making the almost phenomenal run, with an engine moving backwards, of 15 miles in 15 minutes, there were about 1,000 persons, mostly railroad men, at the station. The special train carrying the injured men arrived there at 7:45 o'clock and by 8 o'clock every one of the men were in the hospital. Galligher and Morse were able to walk from the caboose. Just before Dennison was carried from the caboose, it was noticed that he was alive. When the nurses bent over his body on a stretcher at the hospital he was dead. He was in such a condition that he was unrecognizable until the blood had been washed from his face. His skull was fractured, blood had flowed from both ears, his nose was split in halves, his upper lip cut, there was a large hole in the left side of his face, and the lower jaw beneath the hole was fractured, and on his left wrist was a cut extending to the bone. Death was caused by the fracture to his skull.

McMahon Succumbs.

McMahon had seemingly fallen on his head after being hurled in the air, for he did not regain consciousness after the explosion and died at 2:45 o'clock Saturday morning. The physicians announce that his death was caused by a fracture to the base of the skull. His left forearm had two gashes and there were burns on several parts of his body. Swartout had evidently struck on his left side and left arm, for there was a large hole punched in his hip and one of the bones of his left forearm was fractured. His face and body was also burned. Galligher had both his arms badly scalded by steam and his face, when he reached the hospital looked like a piece of bloody beef where the force of the expanding steam had blistered the cuticle and torn it from the lower layers of the skin. He will wear the scars of his awful experience to the end of his life. Morse was badly burned on his face, hands and his left ankle was scalded, but he escaped with seemingly light injuries when compared to the other men on the engine. A message from the hospital yesterday is to the effect that the three injured men will all recover.

The majority of Sayre railroad men are inclined to blame the engine instead of the engineman for the accident. The Lehigh has as yet given no statement as to the cause of the wreck and will probably refrain from so doing until after a thorough investigation. An inquest will undoubtedly be held at VanEtten and then the full facts as to the cause of the explosion will be brought to light

Dennison has resided in South Waverly for about four years. His former home was on a farm about three miles from Watkins, N. Y. He was about 24 years of age and is survived by his mother and a step-father, Oscar Miller.

Henry McMahon was 23 years of age and had been employed on the Lehigh for two years. The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock this morning at St. John's church in South Waverly, Rev. Father O'Rielly officiating.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Verdict for Defendant in Smithfield Case—Jurors Taken Ill.

In common pleas court the jury in the case of Jennie Hall vs. Bert E. Rich returned a verdict for the defendant. The parties reside in Smithfield township and during the smallpox scare of two years ago the plaintiff nursed in the family of the defendant. The action was to recover for services. The jury evidently believed that the tender of $10 was sufficient compensation and found for him.

The suit of N. F. Frazer vs. Elizabeth M. Frazer was begun Thursmorning. It is an action of replevin to recover possession of personal property. The case is being tried with 11 jurors by consent of the counsel. Samuel L. Thompson of South Creek, was Thursday excused by the court on account of illness. Horace E. Heath of Ulster, another of the jury, was taken ill after being sworn, and William H. Moshier of Sylvania was accepted in his stead. On Tuesday morning at the resumption of the case but ten jurors showed up, George H. Kendall of Canton, having missed his train connections somewhere between his home and Towanda. The jury was excused until his arrival late in the afternoon.

The statement that the case of Rogers vs. Rogers, tried last week in the county court, was settled, gave a wrong impression. The case was discontinued upon payment of costs by the plaintiff.

The jury in the case of Ellsworth & Stevens vs. Philip E. Grace, a suit to recover the value of some wood and lumber, returned a verdict of $35 for the plaintiff.

David Vanderpool vs. Sadie Vanderpool; LeRay A. Featherbay vs. Bridgie Featherbay; divorces decreed.

Stella J. Worden vs. Willis J. Worden; subpoena in divorce awarded.

Names For the Jury Wheel.

Judge Fanning Tuesday filed his order for the filling of the jury wheel for the year 1906. It commands that the jury commissioners and the president judge or a majority of them proceed to select 750 names and place them in the wheel.

BOARD EXPECTS A ROW.

Surface and Groff May Carry Fight Before State Agriculturists.

Members of the State board of agriculture are expecting a lively session when the board holds its annual meeting in Harrisburg on Jan. 24 and 25.

Among the speakers for the first evening are Professors H. A. Surface, state economic zoologist, and Dr. George G. Groff of Bucknell university. For seveal years these two gentlemen have been the principals in the warmest sort of a newspaper war over the merits of the San Jose scale crusade being conducted throughout the state by the former.

Dr. Groff will report as a microscopical and hygienic specialist and Professor as an ornithologist. It is not unlikely that each may have something to say concerning the other.

MURDER IN SULLIVAN.

Aged Woman Struck Over Head With Stick and Killed.

A frightful murder occurred at Beech Haven, near Muncy Valley, Sullivan county, on Wednesday night of last week in which a Mrs. Whitmyer, an aged woman, was killed. A clergyman passed the house at about 10:30 o'clock and heard the sounds of violence. He summoned help and four men hurried to the woman's house.

The aged victim of the attack was found helpless on the floor, and in a dying condition. The murderer had evidently entered the house and exasperated because she refused to give him money, struck her over the head with a large stick of wood. She died shortly after the arrival of the four men.

Going to Old Mexico.

Ralph Goodcharles, who has been with the Troy Electric company since the plant was established about a year ago, is to leave shortly for his home in Milton. Later he will go to Cananea, Mexico, state of Sonora, where he has two brothers. His successor has not yet been chosen.

Last Day For Licenses.

Saturday, Dec. 30, will be the last day for filing petitions for liquor licenses in Bradford county.

SAYRE'S BIG SHOPS.

Ithaca Journal Man Tells of Their Work.

IMMENSE LOCOMOTIVE SHOP.

Walls Inclose an Erea of 750 by 350 Feet—Engine Can Be Built There In Period of But 15 Days—Description of Other Buildings.

Although every man, woman and child in this valley knows something of the Sayre shops, comparatively few realize the magnitude of this plant that supports so large a percentage of the population. On the fifty-five acres of land now included in the Lehigh Valley's plot is located one of the largest railroad shops in the world

A clever representative of the Ithaca Journal recently visited the shops and writes interestingly of what he saw. A part of his story is here given:

"Upon those 55 acres are erected at a cost of about $3,000,000 six immense buildings, within which are employed 1,500 men—and only half of the plant is now in operation—whose skill and strength are daily turning out large consignments of the equipment of the Lehigh Valley system.

"The 'old shops' which have furnished activity in Sayre for many years are still in operation in con- with the additions, but it is the 'new shops,' which have been built within the past two years, with their down-to-date methods for expediting work, that have wrought a great change in appearance and enables the turning out of the best work.

"Although many hands and many minds are responsible for the conduct of these great works, the real head of the shops is Superintendent E. T. James, who is ever mindful of every detail of the mammoth plant.

"Perhaps the most interesting place for a visitor; where he can get some lasting impressions of what the plant really is, is the locomotive shop, the largest of the six new buildings. From within the walls of this immense building, which encloses an erea of 750 by 360 feet, it is possible to build complete one of those huge engines used by the Lehigh Valley, within the short period of 15 days.

"It is in this building that raw, unsightly pieces of the steel are smoothed into the fine parts that help to build a great steam horse, where in its many departments every piece is shaped for its proper place and finally becomes a part of the big unit. Here is also the place that engines are repaired or partially built anew.

"The perfect ease with which these masses of steel are handled is amazing. Twelve large electric propelled cranes, which travel the length of the building on tracks overhead, operated by one man at the levers, are able to do the work in a very short space of time, which in former days was a great effort and strain upon human strength. These cranes are capable of hoisting and carrying back and forth 150 tons dead weight, with as apparently as much ease as a man would lift a chip of wood off the ground. The writer in less than 15 minutes witnessed a performance that will illustrate the power of one of these crane. An engine weighing 55 tons had been wheeled and was standing over one of the repair pits where repairs had been made. Being ready for the wheels to be replaced, a signal was given, the man in the cage turned the lever, the mass of steel raised gradually, the wheels were run underneath to blocks marking their proper position and when the engine descended each socket fitted. It was done in as many minutes as it would have taken days for human strength to do the work.

"The blacksmith shop is another immense building. To the visitor the first thing noticed is the absence of the usual nauseating atmosphere of shops of this kind. By the use of the 'down draft' system the air is kept perfectly free from sulphur. Here there are 100 forges with a large number of men handling the white-heated iron and operating the steam hammers.

"In another building are the passenger and freight car shops where are built the parlors on wheels which carry the traveler on his journey in comfort, and the large box cars in which all manner of freight is shipped through the Lehigh system. An idea of the amount of work done in the freight car shop might be gained from the fact that four men are employed constantly building doors for freight cars.

"The power house which furnishes the motive power for all the machinery in all of the buildings, and all light and heat is another interesting place. In the boiler room there are 12 large boilers of 305 nominal horsepower. All the fires are fed by automatic stokers, making it possible for three men, by operating the proper levers to handle all the coal without once putting their hands on one chunk.

"Aside from these buildings there are the store house, the tank shop, passenger car paint shop, passenger coach shop, cabinet shop and the freight repair shop, all of which contribute to the turning out of the rolling stock of the railroad.

"Superintendent James recently installed a large number of time clocks by means of which all of the 1,500 employes keep their own time by stamping a card when they enter or leave their respective divisions."

TOWANDA MAN JUST ESCAPED BOLD HIGHWAY ROBBERS.

R. Kessler, Jr., With $2,000 With Him Was the Intended Victim.

By the lucky circumstance of a few moments' start or because the robbers made a mistake in identity, R. Kessler, Jr., of Towanda escaped being held up at Nordmont on Tuesday evening of last week. As it was a clerk in the Nordmont postoffice was overpowered by highwaymen on his way home and $100 of stamps and money taken from him. Mr. Kessler is manager of the big Nordmont Chemical works and is connected with the store and postoffice there. Next day was payday at the works and Mr. Kessler had $2,000 with him on the night of the robbery. He and a clerk took this big sum of money with them to their boarding house for safekeeping.

A few minutes after they left, the postoffice clerk with the money of the office followed. Three men set upon him, threw a blanket over his head succeeded in getting the money from him. It is practically certain that the men intended to rob Mr. Kessler and get possession of the pay day funds. The robbery was a bold one and no clues had been obtained last night of the perpetrators.

OPERATOR KILLED.

Station at Catasaqua of Lehigh Was Badly Wrecked.

The third section of a west bound freight train on the Lehigh Valley railroad, running at a high rate of speed at 12:30 o'clock Saturday morning, met with a disastrous accident while passing the Catasaqua station. The results were the demolition of the brick passenger station,the wrecking of six cars loaded with merchandise and the instant killing of Alfred Tiley, the night telegraph operator. A brake beam of a car in the middle of a freight train broke while the car was at a point 200 yards below the station.

This derailed the car, which just skipped the crossing tower. When the derailed car struck the station it side-swiped the front of the station for three-quarters of its length and mowed away the bay projection of the telegraph office. The wreckage of six freight cars were piled up to a height of 35 feet. The wreckage crushed in the men's waiting room and the contents of the cars scattered around. Operator Tiley, who was doing substitute work for a sick operator, was cut in two. The wrecking crew found the upper part of his body at 2 a. m. and the lower part three hours later.

STATE'S AGRICULTURE.

Annual Report of Secretary Critchfield Sent to Governor.

Important figures bearing on the agricultural products of Pennsylvania for the past year form an interesting chapter in the annual report of Secretary of Agriculture Critchfield just forwarded to Gov. Pennypacker.

The report states that Pennsylvania raised 21,857,961; bushels of wheat worth $15,109,491; 48,533,748 bushels of corn, worth $28,636,091; 36,761,816 bushels of oats, worth $15,109,491; 5,367,108 bushels of rye worth $3,-810,-464; 4,599,025 bushels of buckwheat, worth $2,897,386; 204,630 bushels of barley, worth $2,897,386; 204,620 bushels of barley, worth $114,587; 27,-173,266 bushels of potatoes, worth $14,-674,104; 4,499,425 tons of hay, worth $53,183,204.

The department was much gratified to note the good work done by the press in exposing the immoral exhibitions at county fairs and is glad to note an almost total eradication of these features of the fairs as there was great room for improvement.

The report calls rural free mail delivery a blessing, and an important element in the improvement of agricultural conditions over the state.

Regarding taxation the report states that there are some inequalities that should be remedied, but those are due to incompetent and unreliable local officials.

Camptown Ladies Organize.

Mrs. Samuel Howard of Wyalusing, the Owego District secretary, organized an auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary society at Camptown on Thursday with the following officers: President, Mrs. W. S. Lafferty; 1st vice pres., Mrs. Carl Councilman; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. F. J. Ely; cor. sec., Miss Lucy Stone; rec. sec., Mrs. John Arnold, and treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Lafferty.

Cold Storage For New Albany.

F. T. Mynard, of Dushore, is preparing to build a cold storage plant at New Albany. It is to be located just across the tracks from the depot and will be 24x80 feet, with basement and two stories high.

NEW HEALTH OFFICERS

Commissioner Dixon Has Announced Appointment of 950.

FIFTEEN IN THIS COUNTY.

All Deaths and Births Must Be Reported by Physicians Under Penalty for Failure—New Act Effective January 1 is a Stringent One.

State Health Commissioner Dixon has appointed 950 local registrars for the collection of vitial statistics for the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

This army of officials was selected with great care by Commissioner Dixon, after consultation with physicians and other responsible persons in the community for which the registrars have been appointed.

The registrars will tomorrow be officially notified of their appointment and directed to begin work on January 1, when the new State law regulating vital statistics goes into effect.

The registrar will receive 25 cents for each birth and death they report They will also receive 25 cents for each monthly report of no deaths or births for any month. They are entitled to a fee of 50 cents for each disinterment perimt issued by them, the fee to be paid by the person receiving the permit.

Penalty for Failure to Report.

Under the law creating the Bureau of Vital Statistics, local or deputy registrars who fail or neglect to perform their duty may be removed by the State Health Commissioner, and be further deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than $10 nor more than $100.

After January 1 next all births and deaths in Pennsylvania must be registered within ten days after their occurence. Every physician in the State has been or will be in the next few days furnished with a standard form on which to certify births and deaths. These certificates will be sent by the physician to the local registrar, by whom they will be transmitted to the State Department of Health.

Certificates of both birth and death will be required in the case of every still-born child, and no midwife will be permitted to sign the death certificate of a still-born child. Heavy penalties are provided for failure to report all such deaths to the proper medical officer or Coroner.

Duties Are Varied.

Commissioner Dixon has arranged to keep a record of every case of contagious disease, to regulate the preparation of transportation of bodies or persons whose deaths are attributed to contagious diseases, and to have direct supervision of the reports of every physician, undertaker, midwife and sexton in the state.

Bradford County Registrars.

For Bradford county these deputy registrars have been named: A. D. Wilson, Alba; G. W. Parsons, Athens; A. P. Weldy, Burlington; L. E. Manley, M. D., Canton; G. W. Durga, LeRaysville; O. G. Sumner, New Albany; Mollie W. Rice, Rome; Charles C. Yocum, Sayre; LeVerne Brown, South Waverly; Richard Simmons, Sylvania; M. E. Miller, Towanda; H. K. Mitchell, Troy; E. A. Strong, Wyalusing; E. O. Dewey, Gillet.

BEWARE OF EXPERTS.

One Who Testified at Scranton Wants $2,000 for Pay.

Dr. Alfred Gordon, the famous insanity expert, has sent in his bill to Lackawanna county for coming to Scranton in the Emily Lee murder case. He charges two thousand dollars for nine days' attendance during the trial. To say that the county commissioners were surprised when they opened Dr. Gordon's bill is mildly stating it. They had expected it would be about $50 a day, which would make it about $500.

They are not going to pay the big sum without a contest. Dr. Gordon is undoubtedly one of the most famous men on insanity in this country. He had several years' experience in Paris and is now in the chair of nervous diseases in Jefferson medical college in Philadelphia.

Overfield—Steinbach.

At the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Arthur Wells, at Homets Ferry, on Christmas day, Moses Overfield and Miss Edwina Steinbach of Tunkhannock, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. L. Cook of Merryall, in the presence of a company of relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Overfield spent Tuesday with relatives in Towanda.

Reward for Murderer.

The Sullivan county commissioners have offered a reward of $300 for information leading to the arrest of the murderer or murderers of aged Mrs. Sarah Whitemire, whose body was found at her home near Muncy Valley on Thursday morning with her head crushed and the house ransacked.

FATAL GUNNING ACCIDENT HAPPENED AT MONROETON.

Edward Barden Met Death By the Discharge of His Own Gun.

Edward Barden of Monroeton, met instant death Friday morning in that borough by the accidental discharge of his shotgun, while he was attempting to climb over a barbed wire fence about 100 rods from his own home. The charge of shot entered his head just back of the right ear and the entire top of his head was blown away. He is survived by his wife.

Barden was about 60 years of age, and for some time had been employed as a sawyer in the lumber district of West Virginia. He returned home on Friday, Dec. 15. Friday morning about 9 o'clock he left his house with his gun. An hour afterward his dead body was found a short distance above the gristmill. The gun was resting between the wires of the fence and from the position in which the body lay it was evidently an accidental death.

Justice of the Peace George Smalley, acting for the coroner, viewed the remains and ordered their removal by an undertaker.

JUDGE FAVORS POLICY HOLDERS.

Raising the Rates of the K. O. T. M. In Violation of Vested Rights.

A decision recently handed down by Justice Rogers of Watertown, N. Y., in the action of Dennis L. Wright of Watertown, against the Knights of the Maccabees, will be noted with interest by local members of that order as well as by members of all fraternal benefit societies.

Wright, at the age of 50 joined the Maccabees, taking a policy of $1,000, on which he was required to pay $1.40 a month, the policy providing that the policy holder shold pay "the same rate of assessment thereafter, so long as he remained continually in good standing in the order."

In July, 1904, the laws of the K. O. T. M. were amended and Wright's rate of insurance raised to $3 a month. In case of failure to pay an assessment within a month the rule provided that the member should stand suspended. Mr. Wright declined to pay his increased assessment and was suspended. He brought an action in the Supreme court to compel the society to reinstate him in membership and to accept his insurance rate as made at the time he took out his policy. In his opinion Justice Rogers says:

"I am, with some misgivings, constrained to conclude that according to the weight of authority in this state the amendments in question were not reasonable and were in violation of vested rights. It follows that the plaintiff was entitled to continue membership at the rate provided when he joined; and that the defendant was not justified in expelling him for his refusal to comply with the amended laws. Judgment ordered for the plaintiff."

An appeal will be taken by the order from the above decision.

FROM NEARBY PLACES

What is Occurring in Many Towns Hereabouts.

BINGHAMTON'S VICE CRUSADE

Fur Is Expected to Fly There During the Next Few Months—Many Went on Bloomsburg Excursion to Washington—Other Newsy Items.

Franklin D. Pierce of Troy, has been granted an increase of pension from $30 to $50 per month.

Boyd Heverly of Dushore, while working on a planer a few days ago had his right thumb taken off.

The centre girders have been placed in the new bridge of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. at Tunkhannock.

An anti-vice crusade is being started in Binghamton, and the fur is expected to fly within a short time.

The annual excursion to Washington from the Bloomsburg State Normal school carried 215 passengers.

A movement is on foot to organize the Polish mine workers of the Anthracite region into a separate union.

The American Radiator company is to establish a branch plant in Elmira, in the old Payne Engine Works buildings.

John L. Bahr and Miss Anna Hearst, both of Dushore, were married in Waverly on Wednesday of last week.

A horse owned by the Tioga Dairy Co., was instanty killed at Athens on Saturday morning by stepping on a live electric wire.

William G. Elliott, ex-mayer of Williamsport, died on Tuesday morning of last week of inflammatory rheumatism, aged 65 years.

The eighty-sixth birthday of Jerome White of Athens was celebrated on Dec. 18 by a gathering of friends at the home of his son, Alanson White.

At Morris Run on Monday of last week, a nine years old boy named Hadley, fell under the wheels of a mine motor and was instantly killed.

While cutting Christmas trees, Anthony Hawk of Meshoppen, severed an artery in his foot and was taken to the Sayre hospital, he lost much blood.

Miss Jennie Miler of Ringtown has brought an action for $1,500 damages against Munroe Manbeck of the same town because the latter had said that he kissed her.

Mrs. J. B. Butler of Canton, who has been in poor health for some time, fainted and fell off the back porch of her residence on Tuesday morning of last week, sustaining severe injuries.

George Snyder has caused the arrest of Edwin R. Romine, alleging the arceny of an umbrella which the complainant loaned the defendant and which he failed to return. Both men are prominent Owego business men.

D. T. EVANS

Last of the COATS

Have only a few Ladies' and Children's Coats left and to close will sell them

At Reduced Prices.

FURS.

We are prepared to give some splendid values on balance of our stock of furs.

D. T. EVANS

The great Kankakee marsh in Indiana is being drained and converted into some of the most valuable and productive farms in the state.

In no line of farm work is the matter of co-operation so indispensable as among fruit growers. It is almost impossible for a man to go it alone in this business and find a profitable market for his fruit.

The sea is getting to be farmed just as is the land, especially in the raising of oysters. An acre of well kept oyster water will bring in a gross return of $300 per year, which beats most crops which the land can produce.

Greater miracles in agricultural development are being wrought out by irrigation than have ever been accomplished by drainage. Irrigation under government control is literally making the desert to blossom as the rose.

More and more men are finding out the intrinsic value of a small piece of land intensively cultivated as an aid to the support of a family. It is really surprising what a little piece of land can be made to produce under an intelligent cultivation.

Latitude makes a great difference in the keeping quality of apples. Thus, if a Wealthy apple is raised in Missouri it becomes simply a late summer or early fall fruit, while if it is grown in central Minnesota it may be kept through the winter without trouble as a winter fruit.

A friend who planted two acres of soft maple on a good piece of land twenty-two years ago cleared the timber off last winter and secured 160 cords of wood. While this was not a very large return upon his investment, it proves that there are millions of acres of land which should be planted with timber, because as such land is now used it does not pay as well as the timber would.

Men engaged in working for other men on a fixed salary very often find themselves in a position where the work forced upon them is too much for one man and not enough for two. With most men so situated the natural tendency is to do only so much work as they think is a fair stunt and let the rest go, while here and there will be found a man who will cheerfully shoulder the additional burden and for awhile uncomplainingly do two men's work. It is worth noting in this connection that when a promotion is to be made in the force some way it is these men who usually secure it.

A friend wants to know what he had better do with a balky horse. He says that if he tries to trade him off and tells the truth about the horse nobody will take him, and that if he sells him and says nothing he is sure to hear of it afterward to his sorrow. This is true, however—some horses are balky with some men and not with others, the fact being that it is the man and not the horse which is balky. We have at different times owned two balky horses. One we cured by wrapping a piece of plug tobacco around his bit when the fit took him; the other we let a neighbor have who bought him knowing his bad habits. In Germany the best thing to do with such a horse would be to convert him into sausage.

Wild game, from being forty years ago the poor man's necessity and one important source of his food supply, is fast becoming the rich man's luxury. We can recall the time when ducks, geese, prairie chickens and fish were such common and everyday articles of food that the people got tired of the sight of wild game, whether dead or alive. None of the almost endless amount and variety of wild life then so common now survives save the few migratory wild fowl, which year by year become fewer in number and more difficult to shoot. This condition prevails notwithstanding game of all kinds is protected by law in all the states. The truth is that wild game, like the Indian, cannot stand civilization.

A hundred years of occupation and cultivation by man have about ruined the productive capacity of the soils of many of the eastern states, have so badly impaired their fertility that even with the stimulus of commercial fertilizers they will no longer return a profitable crop. The same destructive process is at work in a marked manner in the southern and north central states, and even the land of the northwest, whose fertility was supposed to be practically inexhaustible, is already bearing abundant evidence of the certain result of continuous highway robbery of the soil. The western landowner should heed well the lesson taught by the eastern and southern states in this matter, and before it is too late change the degenerating and soil pauperizing methods in such general use in that section. No man farms well whose soil grows poorer and less productive year by year. There are lands in England which produced wheat a thousand years ago and which today produce an average crop of thirty-seven bushels an acre, but the way of the English farmer was not that of the American.

CLEAN CORNFIELDS.

Once in a great while one will see a good sized cornfield which in October will be entirely clean and free from weeds. Many farmers leave their corn clean in July, only to have a wilderness of weeds grow up later. How can a man secure a clean cornfield? We think it can be best obtained by a proper rotation of crops, the corn following a crop of clover or a pasture which has killed out the weed growth of the lands. We also think it would pay to run a one horse single cultivator lightly through the fields along the last of July. If it should be a dry time, such treatment would not only dispose of the second crop of weeds, but also be of immense value to the growing corn. Then, we believe that where a flock of sheep has the run of the different fields on the farm it so discourages the weeds that it is much easier to secure a clean cornfield on a sheep farm than on one where they are not kept. We have noticed that the big crops of corn are almost always grown on land free from weeds, and we also notice that such clean cornfields invariably produce a bigger and better crop of small grain the succeeding year. The reason of so many weedy cornfields is that the size of the fields is out of all proportion to the ability of the owner to care for it, and for some reason he seems content to grow a half crop of corn where he might just as well grow a full crop on half the acreage with the same labor Some day this will change, and the sooner the better.

Irrigation brings about the same conflict with individual and private rights that drainage does. They are neither one possible save as a result of co-operative effort and a merging of private interests for the public good.

Some of the largest salaries paid to experts in this country are paid to the men who know how to buy stock on the hoof and others who know how to cure such meat for the market. There are several $20,000 men engaged in this business, and none of them ever had a college education either.

A darky down in Oklahoma claims to have made the interesting discovery that if cotton is topped or pruned back in the dark of the moon in August it will increase the yield of the staple from one-half bale to one bale per acre, and he has found some people who believe what he says.

Every load of manure put on the land to be in corn next year means at least two bushels more corn, and it will add that much to the crop the second year. In other words, when a man hauls out a load of manure on to his cornfield he has earned a dollar, and we know of many men who cannot make a dollar any easier.

The uniform irregularity of the seasons is the only regular thing there is about the weather. No two seasons are just alike, either as to rainfall, droughts, frosts or hours of sunshine. It is this uncertain factor in all farm operations which upsets all calculations and makes farming more or less of a lottery.

The state of Iowa has recently completed what is said to be the very finest dairy building in the world at its state agricultural college at Ames. A herd of a hundred cows will be used in connection with this building, and laboratory and experimental work will be carried on which will be of the greatest benefit to the dairy interests of the country at large.

We know of several farmers who, finding that they had poor seed corn and a worthless stand, and some who lost their corn by the worms, replanted their fields as late as the middle of June with early types of corn and secured crops running from forty to fifty bushels per acre. Their experience has convinced them that it will pay to plant some of this early corn as early in the spring as possible and thus secure plenty of good feed for their hogs long before the ordinary field corn is matured. This is a good plan.

We noticed a row of catalpa trees lately which a man had planted adjoining the line fence of his farm about ten years ago. He had planted them thickly and not more than two feet apart. The trees today would furnish one good fence post each, worth about 20 cents, and on the eighty rods so planted he had 640 fence posts at small trouble and expense, as one-half of the root system of the trees was in the public highway. In five years more these trees will give him three fence posts each, and we commend this method to men in all latitudes where the catalpa is hardy.

A boy shot a hawk and thought he had done a smart thing. He bragged about it, and his father praised him for doing it. Had he known just what composed the food of this hawk he probably would not have done it. These hawks very rarely visit the poultry yard—in fact, in spite of their name, not in forty years have we ever known a hen hawk to molest the hens. Its food consists almost entirely of rabbits and gophers, two of the worst pests with which the farmer has to contend. When hungry we have known them to catch snakes three feet in length. The hawk should be let alone.

It is said there are in the air over each acre of land 75,000,000 pounds of nitrogen, the most valuable of all land fertilizers, and that if such acre is put into a crop of any of the legumes, clover, cowpeas or alfalfa, such crop will steal from the air and put into the soil 200 pounds of nitrogen in a year. Commercial nitrogen bought in the markets costs 15 cents a pound, so that on this basis a crop of clover will add $30 worth of fertility to each acre. Anyway, any man can see from actual experience that clover very greatly enriches the soil, and, realizing this fact, he should make a business of sowing it liberally.

FEEDING OFF CROPS.

The scarcity of help in much of the corn growing section of the west is bringing about a method of feeding the corn off in the field, many feeders of cattle and sheep having adopted this method with very great satisfaction and success. Near where the writer now lives thousands of acres of corn were harvested last fall by steers and sheep, with a minimum of waste. The most satisfactory results where this plan is followed is where about two pounds of rape seed are scattered over the cornfield at the time of the last cultivation, this rape affording an excellent addition to the ration of the stock so fed. The appearance of a field so fed off is decidedly gratifying to the owner. He has been saved the labor and bother of husking the corn, the field has been cleaned up in perfect shape, and a valuable amount of fertilizing has been given to the land for the benefit of future crops. It may be said that his method looks slovenly, but the end justifies the means, every farmer now being compelled to devise ways and means of getting along without the help which it is impossible for him to secure. This method of feeding crops off on the land is very common in England—in fact, is the only method used in feeding the enormous crops of turnips there raised. We look to see this method grow in favor and come into quite general use wherever stock is being fed and prepared for the market.

THE OLD AND THE NEW WAY.

"When the ground was new most anybody could raise good corn," said an old settler to us recently as he complained that his corn was not as good as it used to be. In saying this he touched upon a very important thing. When the soil was new it was full of humus and available plant food. Persistent cropping, scant if any rotation of crops and no return of any product of the field to the soil, even the straw from the grain crops being for years burned in big piles, were bound to tell on the fertility of any good land, so it has come that thousands of acres are no longer responding with good crops even when good care is given to them. All through the vast western territory where land is called worth hard on to $100 per acre something needs doing, and that, in a word, is to resolve to begin to study the soil and its needs, to grow more clover, to raise more stuff on fewer acres—in fine, to begin a more intensive type of agriculture, to grow the thousand bushels of corn on twenty acres instead of forty acres, to feed the land, give better and more thorough cultivation and grow fewer weeds. It is time to abandon the old way and take up with the new way, and the sooner a man does it the better it will be for him.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF CORN.

In the state of Iowa, where three years ago there were not a half dozen expert judges of corn as to its quality, breeding, etc., there are now not less than 500 young men who are experts along this line, becoming so as a result of the short courses at the agricultural college at Ames and the numerous corn schools which have been held all through the state, a pleasing result which is sure to be later on reflected in a greatly improved quality of the corn raised and a certain increase in the average yield per acre. The more there was learned about corn the more it was discovered there was to be learned, and it is all clear now that corn is susceptible of just as great a degree of improvement in quality and productiveness, and so a greater profit, as are the domestic animals on the farm. The corn of the west has been mostly of scrub breeding of inferior and erratic types, while now it is known to be possible to grow pedigreed corn true to type just as one can raise Shorthorns or Polled Angus cattle or thoroughbred horses. This opens up a wonderfully interesting field of work. What has been accomplished in Iowa is possible in all the corn growing states.

When is the Real Fourth of July?

Those impatient small boys who begin celebrating the Fourth before it actually arrives are not so far out of the way after all. Paul Leland Haworth tells the story of "The Real Fourth of July" in Harper's for July. He quotes from John Adams' letter to his wife, in which he said: "The 2d of July will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival," for it was on the 2d of July that the final vote was taken on the momentous resolution of the colonists to separate from Great Britain, as embodied in the draft of the Declaration of Independence drawn up by Thomas Jefferson. The debate after the vote lasted until the afternoon of the 4th when it was brought to a close, largely on account of the oppressively warm weather and because "hungry flies swarmed thick and fierce, alighting on the legs of the delegates and biting hard through their thin silk stockings."

War Veteran's Suggestion.

Ambrose Hammond, an ex-sergeant of the Fourth Michigan volunteer infantry, has written to President Roosevelt, asking him to take charge of a ceremony that Mr. Hammond assures him will furnish lasting pleasure to thousands of old soldiers of the civil war, says a Washington special to the Boston Herald. The old wooden bridge across the Potomac at Washington is soon to be taken down, and Hammond suggests that it be cut up into pieces and given to the old soldiers. Mr. Hammond says that in all probability a million men of the north marched over the bridge going to the front and that to thousands that crossed it on the return in 1865 it was a glad sight.

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WYALUSING.

Theodore F. Brown died at his home in Browntown Wednesday evening of last week at 6 o'clock after an illness of several weeks of heart disease. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, who was Matilda States, daugther of Captain States, and two children, Ernest L. of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Theo who lives at home The funeral services will be held at his home Friday afternoon, at 3 p. m. conducted by Rev. A. J. Cook of the M. E. church.

F. H. Seward has been confined to his home several weeks by illness.

The following young people are home from college for the Christmas vacation: Miss Elizabeth Strong, Vassar; Miss Alice Cook, Mt. Holyoke; Miss Mary Welles, Wyoming seminary; Bascome Taylor, LaFayette; Lewis Taylor, Blair Hall; Sayre Welles, Wyoming seminary; Edward Larkin, Holy Cross; Christine Fuller, Wellsley.

Miss Marjorie Bosworth of LeRaysville, called on friends in town Wednesday, on the way home from Moravian seminary at Bethlehem.

Miss Mildred Kester, a student at West Chester Normal, is spending her vacation at Mrs. Uzilla Strong's.

The young people have been enjoying fine skating on Welles mill pond, for the past few days.

John Cook of Granite City, Ill., is spending a short time with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Cook.

Raymond L. Smith, who has been in the Medico Chirurgical hospital at Philadelphia for the past six weeks, after having an operation for appendicitis performed, returned home Monday.

Miss Bessie Stroud returned Wednesday evening from Oberlin, Ohio, where she has been taking a special course in music.

LAQUIN.

Mrs. Fred Camp and daughter, Mamie, spent part of last week in Towanda.

Miss Minnie Losey, Jessie Harter, and Miss Bertha Knapp are spending their Christmas vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elson Bennett spent Christmas with relatives in Towanda.

Jay Perry and family visited at LeRoy this week.

Chas. Donlon is visiting at Lopez.

Mrs. Charles Kohler went to Lopez Saturday, to be present at the marriage of her sister.

Lewis Summers, who is at the Williamsport hospital, is better.

Miss Orfa McKay, who was visiting friends here, returned to Shunk, last Wednesday.

Several young people from here, attended the exercises at Barclay Friday night.

A gentleman of this place put an advertisement in the papers for a young lady correspondent. Object matrimony. The following day he received six answers.

The Christmas exercises at both churches were well attended.

A covenant meeting will be held in the Baptist church Saturday night.

Mr. Weldon returned home from the Williamsport hospital last week.

Dying of Famine

is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearfoss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me." Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at Turner's drug store, price 50c and $1.00 a bottle. Trial bottle free.

GROVER.

John and Pearl Hager are home for the holidays.

William Fleming and family are at Sayre.

Clarence Comstock and John Binninger of Bucknell are at Dr. G. S. Comstock's.

Miss Leola Vermilya of Mansfield school is home for the holiday vacation.

George Hagar is moving to Mansfield where he has rented a farm.

The Sunday school of the Church of Christ in this place had a Christmas tree and gave a Christmas entertainment Saturday evening.

Christmas eve the children of the United Evangelical church gave a Christmas program consisting of recitation and singing which was very entertaining. At the close of the exercises, the tree was stripped of the presents with which it was loaded and all left the church in a happy frame of mind.

LEONA.

Miss Flora Dewey is spending some time with friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eagleton of Towanda spent Christmas with her sister at M. O. Guthries.

The children and grand children of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ballard, gathered at their home on Christmas day to have their Christmas dinner. A number to about 30 were present and all had a very enjoyable time. They were present from Elmira, Connecticut and Cedar Ledge.

Roy Griffith and sisters, Miss Alice and Lydia Griffith, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Griffith.

Mrs. Mary Guthrie returned home Friday after a severe weeks' stay at Bentley Creek.

Rush Brown is home from Corning for the holidays.

HERRICKVILLE.

A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Miss Jennie Barnes is spending several days with friends in Elmira.

B. J. Tinkham of Scranton, is visiting his mother, Mrs. John Coleman.

Robert Weeks of Sayre visited at Mrs. T. H. McPherson's the last of the week.

The Christmas tree on Saturday evening under the mangement of the Sunday school at this place was a grand success. Every thing passed off without a hitch. The tree was all a Christmas tree could be in decorations and presents, and it was a fine sight for the children as well as the larger ones. The entertainment was fine and too much credit cannot be given the superintendent and teachers for the untiring effort they have made it a success. At the end of program Santa Claus was announced and in came old Saint Nick himself, always a pleasant night for the little ones, and he supplied them with candy, toys and nuts. The presents were distributed. The first present was given to F. M. Reinhart, a fine bible presented by his class and a fine rocker to the superintendent, Mr. Morrow by the school and the class of Mrs. M. T. Morrow presented her with some fancy work of their own labor showing that the scholars appreciate the interest the superintendent and teacher have taken with them.

MACEDONIA.

The Ladies' Sewing society met with Mrs. G. G. Stevens Thursday. The day not being very pleasant only a few members present. The committee which was appointed by the president of the society to see to the building of the sheds at the church made their final report. They did so well that the society presented them with a vote of thanks, also Mr. Bouse who has done so much to help the society with their sheds. The society wishes to acknowledge to all who turned out so willingly and helped on the sheds, that they all feel grateful for the help given them. A vote of thanks was voted to Mr. Allis for his kindness.

The ladies wish it understood that all who expect to donate a block to the quilt the society is making are invited to a picnic dinner at Mrs. Bell Darling's Dec. 30 for the purpose of setting the quilt together.

Miss Susan Hoffman returned to her home at Terrytown last Saturday.

Mr. Benjamin moved to New York state last week.

No Secret About It.

It is no secret, that for Cuts, Burns, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Sore Eyes, Boils, etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It didn't take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all O. K. for sore eyes," writes D. L. Gregory, of Hope, Tex. 25c at Turner's drug store.

WINDFALL.

M. T. Haxton is confined to the house with blood poison in his hand.

Henry Loomis and children of North Dakota are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shoemaker entertained a large number of relatives on Christmas.

The box social and spelling school a the block school house last week was a decided success; proceeds $7.25.

Frank Ayres is able to be out again, after being confined to his house for some time with muscular rheumatism.

Harry Freer has sold his farm to Ruel Richmond of Troy.

The M. E. Sunday school had a Christmas supper at the Grange hall on Friday evening.

Miss Jennie Packard, who is attending school at Mansfield, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Packard here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hawthorn of Sullivan, Tioga county, spent Christmas at James Hawthorn's.

NORTH ORWELL.

There was a Christmas tree at the church Saturday evening. A fine program was rendered by the Sunday school scholars.

Miss Ira Grimley had a Christmas tree Friday for her scholars at the "Beaver."

Hugh, John and Irvin Alger and Miss Estela Cass are home from Westchester. N. L. Cass from New York, and Misses Jennie and May Moore from Wyoming Seminary for the holidays.

Asa Jackson has purchased the farm of William Grimley.

Dennison Tyrrell and Miss Helen Tyrrell spent Christmas at M. V. McCormick's.

POWELL.

There are a few cases of diphtheria here.

F. E. Morse and family spent Christmas with his sisters and brothers at the home of Mrs. Lyman Sargent at Wetona.

Mrs. Jos. Brown entertained her relatives to Christmas dinner.

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7:35 a. m., daily except Sunday, (Washington St. Station 7:40 a. m.) Local for Wilkesbarre and intermediate stations via Bernice with connections for Williamsport.

9:15 a. m., daily, Express for Philadelphia, New York and principal intermediate stations, with connections for Reading and Harrisburg.

10:35 a. m., Sunday only, Local for Tunkhannock and intermediate stations.

1:12 p. m., daily, Limited Express for Philadelphia, New York and principal intermediate stations, with connections for Reading and Harrisburg.

3:34 p. m., daily except Sunday, Black Diamond Express for Wilkesbarre, Philadelphia and New York.

5:22 p. m., daily except Sunday, (East Towanda 5:27 p. m.,) Local for Wilkesbarre and intermediate stations on main line.

5:30 p. m., daily except Sunday, (Washington St. Station 5:38 p. m.) Local for Bernice, Williamsport and intermediate stations.

WESTWARD.

1:28 a. m., daily, Limited Express for Rochester, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago and the West.

3:11 a. m., daily, Express for Buffalo and the West.

10:20 a. m. ,daily except Sunday, (East Towanda 10:10 a. m.,) Local for Waverly, Elmira, Ithaca, Rochester, Buffalo and intermediate stations.

3:02 p. m., daily, Local Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago and the West.

3:50 p. m., Sunday only, Local for Ulster, Milan, Athens and Sayre.

4:30 p. m., daily, Western Express for Ithaca, Rochester and Buffalo with connections for Niagara Falls, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago and the West.

7:26 p. m., daily except Sunday, (East Towanda 7:17 p. m.,) Local for Waverly, Elmira and intermediate stations.

For further particulars apply to the local ticket agents.

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Time Table Effective Dec. 3 1905.

WESTWARD				STATIONS	EASTWARD			
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7 27	5 07	10 47	....	Powell	2 47	9 46	5 45	....
7 31	5 1	10 52	....	Weston	2 42	9 41	5 40	....
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7 45	4 28	11 48	....	Barclay	2 ..	9 25	5 26	....
7 47	4 31	11 10	....	East Laquin	2 24	9 22	5 16	....
7 51	4 ..	11 14	....	Laquin	2 20	9 18	5 12	....
7 59	3 4	....	....	Whalen	....	9 09	5 03	....
8 07	4 53	....	....	Cold Spring	....	9 01	4 53	....
8 18	6 ..	....	....	Wheelerville	....	8 48	4 41	....
8 24	5 15	....	....	Ellenton	....	8 41	4 33	....
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8 45	5 26	....	....	Short Run	....	8 27	4 19	....
8 52	5 32	....	....	Crandallown	....	8 21	4 14	....
9 04	5 41	....	....	Pleasant Stream	....	8 10	4 04	....
9 24	6 04	....	....	Ralston	....	8 00	3 55	....
10 5	....	....	Sunday Only	Grays Run	Sunday Only	6 40	3 00	....
10 1	8 5	....	....	Williamsport (P.R.	....	7 10	2 50	....
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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 576,604.75
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		426.51
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000.00
U. S. Bonds on hand		2,460.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		6,820 00
Bonds, securities, etc		145,826.95
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		16,400.00
Other real estate owned		20,725.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		9,714.43
Due from State Banks and Bankers		8 232.77
Due from approved reserve agents		225,863 38
Checks and other cash items		6 84 58
Notes of other National Banks		4,170 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		124.40
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$35,014 20	
Legal tender notes	18,630.00	53,644.20
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		6,250.00
Total		$1,208,345.97

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000.00
Surplus fund	$ 60,000.00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	19,365.77	79,365,77
National Bank notes outstanding		126,900.00
Due to other National Banks	$ 3,333 26	
Dividends unpaid	5.00	
Individual deposits subject to check	340,440.68	
Demand certificates of deposit	532,113.47	
Certified checks	3, 51 79	
Cash'r's checks outstanding	636 00	880,080.20
Total		$1,208,345 97

State of Penna., County of Bradford, ss:

I, U. M. Fell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. U. M. FELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1905.

H. P. NEWELL, Notary Public.

My commission expires Jan. 16, 1909.

Correct—Attest:

R. H. LANING,
WM. LITTLE,
E. F. KIZER,
} Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK of Towanda, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business Nov. 9, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 597,672.14
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		266.11
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		150,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		6,750.00
Bonds, securities, etc		139,687.50
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		30,000.00
Other real estate owned		11,925.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		13,536.53
Due from State Banks and Bankers		1,288.51
Due from approved reserve agents		78,123.88
Checks and other cash items		2,850 40
Notes of other National Banks		785.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		338.27
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$ 34 751 95	
Legal tender notes	12,620.00	47,371.95
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		7,500.00
Total		$1,088 535 29

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 150,000.00
Surplus fund		30,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		12 603 61
National Bank notes outstanding		150,000.00
Due to other National Banks		981 38
Due to State Banks and Bankers		159.88
Individual deposits subject to check		329,765.40
Demand certificates of deposit		414,654.35
Certified Checks		90 00
Cashier's checks outstanding		278 69
Total		$1,088,525 29

State of Penna., County of Bradford, ss:

I, J. K. Newell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. K. NEWELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1905.

L. M. OSBORNE, Notary Public.

My commission expires January 19, 1907.

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MEMBERS MUST PAY DUES.

Allentown Board of Trade Will Bring Suit Against Those in Arrears—Penrose Introduces Bill for Public Building at York, This State.

The Allentown board of trade has begun suits against 30 of its members to recover dues alleged to be owing.

Pupils of the public school of West Chester are highly indignant over the order of Superintendent Jones forbidding them to make Christmas presents to the teachers.

With a view to fitting Altoona boys for position of responsibility and trust with the company, the Pennsylvania railroad has offered to furnish the manual training department of the new Altoona High school at a cost of $18,000 and the offer has been accepted.

Thomas Murray, of Newtown, Wilkesbarre township, had a brother whom he had not heard from for many years and who he supposed was dead. This week he received a letter in which the brother told him he was a prosperous business man of California, and proved it by enclosing a check for $500 for his brother.

A bill was introduced by Senator Penrose apropriating $400,000 for the erection of a public building at York, Pa. The proposed building is to be constructed in such a manner as to constitute a suitable memorial to the fact that York was the seat of the United States Government during the darkest period of the Revolutionary War. He also introduced a bill appropriating $100,000 for a public building at Gettysburg, Pa.

Information was made by the wholesale at Altoona by Mayor Simon H. Walker, aginst cigar and candy dealers there charging them with violating the Blue Laws of 1794. A newly-appointed policeman made purchases from the alleged violators of the law and as a consequence the prosecutions followed.

Berwick's new hospital will be opened on New Year's day. Dr. Bawman, formerly of Hazleton, will be the physician in charge.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stalker, the oldest woman in central Pennsylvania, celebrated her 105th birthday Dec. 19, by holding a public reception at her home, in Williamsburg. Guests were present from all over the county.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has completed plans for a monster freight station in Harrisburg, the largest in the state outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburg. The structure will stand at Second street and Meadow lane. Work will begin shortly.

Counsel for ex-Representative R. F. Schwarz, former Stroudsburg State normal school trustee, recently convicted for selling supplies to the school contrary to law, has filed twenty-three reasons for a new trial. It is alleged, among other things, that the act of Assembly of 1903 is unconstitutional.

It is anounced at State College that Dr. George W. Atherton had asked to be relieved of the presidency of the Pennsylvania State College, and while his resignation has not been formally presented to the board of trustees, a committee of that body has been appointed to look up a suitable man as his successor.

Chairman W. R. Andrews, of the Pennsylvania Republican state committee, says that the next Republican state convention, to nominate a successor to Governor Pennypacker and other state officers, would not be held before the first Wednesday in June next. Several of the recent state conventions have been held as early as April.

During the performance of "Simple Simon Simple," at the opera house at Wellsboro before a crowded house a fuse in the electric light transformer burned out and the remainder of the play was spoiled. Candles and oil lamps were used but the performance had to be greatly cut short.

At Pottsville, John A. Miller, a school director of Washington township, Schuylkill county, convicted of selling his vote to a school teacher, was fined $60 and costs, removed from office, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Two hundred and fifty men are given employment at the Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad shops at Galeton.

While Robert Gee, Jr., of Nelson, was hunting one day last week his shotgun was accidently discharged, blowing off the end of one of his thumbs.

A persistent rumor is being circulated in West Scranton, to the effect that Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, will soon sever his connection with that church.

On Nov. 7, Mrs. Hula Hoffman, of Sullivan, was granted a divorce and four weeks later she was united in marriage to Orren E. Bartlett, of Mansfield. The bride is 66 and the groom 80.

The Pennsylvania Coal company at Scranton, distributed between $15,000 and $20,000 in cash among its employees as a Christmas gift. This is a part of the profits of the company.

The assessors in Luzerne county have been arrested, charged with withholding returns after the proper time for filing, it being alleged it was done for unlawful purposes.

Burglars are again rampant in Chester county. No sooner do the police announce the capture of one set of robbers than a fresh outbreak occurs.

Sending her 14 year old step-daughter out of the house on a trifling errand, Mrs. Edward Thompson, a bride of but four weeks, committed suicide at York, by hanging with the children's swing.

Burns, McWilliams & Co., (Baldwin locomotive works) gave a Christmas present of $25,000 to the University of Pensylvania for the new engineering building now being constructed. This is the second contribution of $25,000 the company has given to the university for the school of engineering.

A new $44,000 school building has been completed at Shamokin.

Benjamin Hooker of Bloomsburg, took strychnine in mistake for powders intended for the grip and came near dying.

All records for Christmas payrolls were this year broken in the Connellsville coke regions, more than $400,000 is being paid out in wages.

A Bloomsburg firm is building 300 automatic submarine anchors that the government will use to anchor mines in Newport harbor.

Independent coal operators at Pottsville who are in close touch with the sales agents of all the large companies at tidewater, say that there has been a consumption of 2,000,000 tons of anthracite less this year than last. The sales have not been materially affected because there is a large amount of purchasing being done in anticipation of a strike.

Before Isaac S. Weaver closed his jewelry store at Reading on Saturday, after the best day's business he ever experienced, a stranger hurled a brick through the show window, seized a tray containing diamond rings worth over $1000 and fled. Weaver was reaching for the tray to place it in the safe. When he reached the door the thief had escaped in the darkness.

Dr. C. S. Beck, one of the oldest practicing dentists in the State, died at Wilkesbarre Christmas day, aged 77. He practiced his profession 35 years.

Miss Margaret Boyle of Carbondale, who was to have been married on Christmas day to Donald P. Stewart of New York, died on Monday of diphtheria.

Marcus Smith, 68 years old, founder of the Wilkesbarre Gas and Electric companies, died of apoplexy on Christmas night.

A burglar, scared out of Editor George Zimmerman's home at Allentown, left a fine new overcoat for the journalist.

More than one thousand poor little children of the city of York were given presents of fancy baskets of fruit and candy by A. C. Boll. While they lined up to receive their presents the Spring Garden Band gave them a concert.

A feature of the observance of Christmas at Williamsport was the distribution by City Missionary Wilson of upward of 200 turkeys and all the materials necessary for a Christmas dinner to many families of the worthy poor. These dinners are provided annually by an unknown benefactor, upon whom Mr. Wilson draws as well for coal, clothing and other needed supplies for the poor.

Yukon North Pole Scheme.

Steps have been taken at Dawson, in Yukon territory, to organize an international polar expedition with an experimental station at Dawson, says the Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer. Dr. A. Varicle, a Parisian balloonist and scientist, is now in Dawson backing the scheme and working to enlist the sympathy of the highest people in the country. The plan is to gather the most expert Yukon and other northern mushers (dog drivers) and the best bred dogs, which will be trained especially for a dash to the pole. He also plans to take many mules to carry supplies over the ice. The mules will be killed later to make food for the men and dogs in the last part of the return journey. It is proposed to make an experimental trip of a thousand miles into the Yukon valley next winter with the identical outfit. The year afterward the plan is to take a whaler from Bering strait for Greenland above Mackenzie river, thence 700 miles over the ice to the pole, thence to continue 600 miles to Franz-Josef Land, returning to civilization via Norway.

Real Progress.

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Humility hath depressed many a genius to a hermit, but never raised one to fame.—Shenstone.

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DEATH ROLL OF A WEEK

Theodore F. Brown.

The subject of this notice—a prominent citizen, died at his home in Browntown, near Wyalusing, on December 20, after an illness of several weeks, his ailment a sudden breaking down of a system, enfebled by several years declining health. Mr. Brown, whose age was sixty one, was born on the farm on which he died, his ancestors being of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather having escaped from the massacre at Wyoming.

There being a call for volunteers in 1864, Mr. Brown, though but nineteen years old, promptly responded, joining the Fiftieth regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. His command was attached to the Army of the Potomac, an organization with he was connected in active service till the close of the rebellion.

Returning home at the close of the war, he later—November 18, 1871—was united in marriage to Miss Matilda States, daughter of Captain States deceased, the union proving to be a happy one, as the fruits of which two children, Ernest L. and Theo. Grace were born to the household.

Mr. Brown was principally engaged in farming, yet he followed other pursuits, holding as he did a clerkship in a wholesale Ithaca grocery house; also being engaged for a time in the drug business in Elmira. But his attractive country home, contigious to the historic Susquehanna, coupled with his fondness of the freedom of rural life, naturally allured him to the scenes of his boyhood days, when by industry and frugality, his well-tilled lands afforded him a substantial living. Mr. Brown was a man of intelligence, keeping himself well booked on the current events of the day. Though of retiring ways, yet he had a social as well as kindly nature. He was in failing health a number of years, but by dint of sheer force, kept active till about a month ago. His illness through painful, was borne without complaint; he arranged his business for his demise, evincing to the last, a deep solicitude for his invalid companion. In short, he calmly awaited the end, and when at last the summons came, surrounded by his immediate family, he quietly fell on sleep in the full hope of of blessed immortality.

Mr. Brown is survived by his companion, a son and a daughter; four brothers, Dr. C. W. of Washington City; Dr. J. W. of Ithaca; Fremont of Reynoldsville, Pa., and Dr. D. W. of West Virginia, and a sister, Mrs. Ella V. Myer of Lackawanna county. The obsequies took place at the homestead, Friday last, the services conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. J. Cook, a delegation of Madill post acting as pall bearers, the interment being in the Wyalusing cemetery, where already repose the ashes of three generations of the family.

Mrs. Sarah Graham.

Mrs. Sarah Meredith Graham, one of the best known women in this end of the state died Thursday at her home in Tunkhannock aged 78 years. The funeral was held Sunday morning with brief services at the home, after which the remains were taken to Wilkes-Barre for interment.

Mrs. Graham was a granddaughter of General Samuel Meredith, of revolutionary fame, who served as treasurer of the United States under Washington. Her father was Thomas Meredith. Captain William Graham, her husband, commanded Co. B, of the One Hundred and Forty-third Regiment during the Civil war.

Mrs. Graham was also a charter member of the Tunkhannock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of a number of other social and literary organizations in her own town.

Mrs. J. W. Stroud.

Mrs. J. W. Stroud, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Black Walnut, died after an illness of several months of a complication of diseases at her home Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, aged 55 years. She was born in Wilmot township, Bradford county, March 13, 1850. She was married to Jacob W. Stroud March 17, 1872. They had ten children born to them and she is survived by her husband and eight children as follows: Mrs. Lelia VanLoon of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Myrtle Cline of Laceyville, Mrs. Daisy Salsman of Sayre, John of New Rochelle, N. Y., Clarence, James, Florence and Ruth who live at home. She also leaves one brother and five sisters: Harvey Hunsinger of Colley, Mrs Sarah Ely of Vestal, N. Y., Mrs. Anna Girvin of Elwell, Mrs. Slyinda Hunsinger, Mrs. Amanda Neuber and Miss Emma Hunsinger of Wilmot.

Mrs. Caroline Weller.

Mrs. Caroline Weller died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ida Kellum, at Athens, Friday, from the infirmities incident upon her advanced age which was 82 years. She is survived by four sons, George of Chicago, Burney of Sayre, Alva of Waverly and Noble of Green's Landing, and two daughters, Mrs. Kellum and Mrs. Margaret Rockwell. The funeral was held at the house at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Rev. James A. Boyce.

Rev. James A. Boyce, 65 years of age, died at his home in Wellsboro on Dec. 14. He was born at Alba, this county and when a young man removed to Tioga county. He served three years in the Union army and for many years has been prominent in G. A. R. circles. He was for a great many years clerk of the Tioga Baptist association.

Edmund Frank Goff.

Edmund Frank Goff, Esq., well known in this section, died Wednesday night of last week at his home Buffalo after a few days' sickness of pneumonia. The body was taken to Sayre on Sunday and from there to Rome, this county, for interment. The funeral was held at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning at the Methodist church.

E. F. Goff was born at Rome 52 years ago. He studied law and for a time practiced in Waverly. He married Miss Augusta Ward. Later in life Mr. Goff decided to cease the practice of law, and going to Buffalo he opened an office in conection with gold and copper mines in which he was interested and with his son, Ward Goff, as a partner, succeeded in establishing a large business. A few weeks ago he came to this section for a visit and remained for some time with friends in Athens, Sayre, and Rome. Then he returned to Buffalo, was immediately taken sick and died three days later. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter, and one brother, Solon, who resides at Rome.

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FIVE FARMERS' INSTITUTES TO BE ELD NEXT MONTH.

Programs of the Meeting Next Week at LeRaysville and Durell.

The first of a series of five Farmers' Institutes will be held at LeRaysville on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and 2. The presiding office of the LeRaysville meeting will be E. E. Chubbuck, and the secretary, Geo. E. Billings. The local commitee is C. B. Titus, C. J. Eastabrook, John C. Gorham, Julius A. Bowker, Howell Powell, E. J. Atwood, Leslie W. Pratt, Charles W. Slocum, William Thomas, Howard A. Hutchinson.

Monday afternoon, 1:30—Invocation, Rev. Magee Pratt; music, address of welcome, J. A. Bowker; response, E. E. Chubbuck; "The Clover Crop," J. H. Peachy; discussion of same by C. J. Eastabrook and others; music; "The San Jose Scale," Dr. J. H. Funk; discussion by David D. Jones and others; "Butter Making on Farm," S. F. Barber; discussion by C. W. Slocum; questions.

Monday evening, 7:30—Music and recitations; address, Supt. H. S. Putnam; "Problem of Education for Country Children," J. H. Peachy; address, Fred Lott; paper, Prof. W. E. Arnold.

Tuesday morning, 8:45—Devotional, Rev. B. N. Butts; music; "Care of Stable Manure," S. F. Barber; discussion by J. C. Gorham; "Potato Culture," Dr. J. H. Funk; discussion by James Eastman; "Breeding and Feeding the Pig," J. H. Peachy; "The Silo Throughout the Year," S. F. Barber; questions on all subjects.

Tuesday afternoon, 1:30—"Spraying," Dr. J. H. Funk; "Thorough Cultivation," J. H. Peachy; "The New Road Law," Hon. F. N. Moore; discussion; "Seeding of Grass for Hay," S. F. Barber; questions.

Tuesday evening, 7:30—Music and recitations; Birds and Insects, Dr. J. H. Funk; music; "Beautifying the Farm," Rev. Magee Pratt.

The Durell Program.

The second of a series of five Farmers' Institutes to be held in this county will be held in the Grange hall at Durell, on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 3 and 4. E. E. Chubbuck of Orwell, member of the State Board of Agriculture for this county, will preside, and the local committee is composed of F. D. Kerrick, G. E. DeLong, A. L. Thomas, Frank Bull, Walter Scott, Oren Braund, R. B. Kerrick, John A. Fox, William Taylor, Dr. F. A. Thompson and E. H. Jacoby.

Wednesday afternoon—Music; prayer; welcome address by George Kerrick; Response, S. E. Barber; "Soil Improvement," discussion, J. H. Peachy; "Potato Culture," discussion, Dr. J. H. Funk; "The Silo Throughout the Year," S. F. Barber.

Wednesday evening, 7:30—Music; question box; recitation; "Marketing Farm Products," S. F. Barber; "Birds and Insects," Dr. J. H. Funk; "Echoes From the Farm," J. H. Peachy; Violin solo, Mrs. Chas. Dimock.

Thursday morning, 9:30—Music; question box; "Discussions on Good Roads opened by J. A. Biles; "Seeding for Grass for Hay," S. F. Barber; Music; "Small Fruits," Dr. J. H. Funk.

Thursday afternoon, 1:30—Music; question box; Essay, Mrs. Louis Piollet; 'Corn Culture," J. H. Peachy; "San Jose Scale," Dr. J. H. Funk; "Farmers' Telephones," Louis Piollet.

Thursday evening, 7:30—Music; question box; unfinished business; recitation; "The Problem of Education for Country Children," J. H. Peachy, Louis Piollet, County Supt. Putnam; violin solo, Mrs. Charles Dimock.

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Your little ones are a constant care in Fall and Winter weather. They will catch cold. Do you know about Shiloh's Consumption Cure, the Lung Tonic, and what it has done for so many? It is said to be the only reliable remedy for all diseases of the air passages in children. It is absolutely harmless and pleasant to take. It is guaranteed to cure or your money is returned. The price is 25c. per bottle, and all dealers in medicine sell 3t4

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Mexico's Christmas Posadas

TO one who has been away from the United States for a term of years the Christmas holidays there seem like a feverish rush, and the simple pleasures indulged in during the nine days of posadas in Mexico are returned to with a certain measure of relief.

A posada is an inn, and the idea pervading these festivities is that story, known to all the world, of Caesar Augustus, who, in the height of his power, wished to know the number of people who bowed beneath his scepter. In order to determine the fact he decreed that a census should be taken of all the nations composing the great Roman empire. To effect this Augustus sent twenty-four commissioners to the different parts of his world. The edict commanded that every person, rich or poor, weak or strong, should go to the place of his birth or to the original place of his family to have his or her name inscribed in the Roman registry.

Joseph and Mary, who were both of the royal house of David, went to the town of Bethlehem. They found it so full of people on the same mission that they wandered about the town for nine days seeking shelter. On the ninth day they were allowed to stay in the stable of a posada, and there the Nino Santo, or Holy Child, was born. The posadas are held for nine evenings in commemoration of those weary days.

Of course there are miserable homes where no sign of a posada is held, but Mexicans, rich and poor, are generous. No matter how dirty and ragged, every one is welcome in the churches, beautifully decorated, and at the nightly posadas held in them, though there the penatas are omitted, as the celebrations are entirely of a religious nature.

To the children the penatas are very important features of the season. They

THE BABE IS PLACED IN THE MANGER.

represent men, women, goats and other animals, beautiful flowers, immense chrysanthemums, giant roses and peonies, lovely dahlias, nuns, monks in full costume and graceful musical instruments. Each figure contains an empty jar or penata of pottery, which is hidden by the decorations or costumes of colored tissue paper, most skillfully applied. The jars are filled with goodies and unbreakable toys.

When friends have been invited to a posada the house is decorated with evergreens and mosses, flowers and tinsel in all the rooms and corridors. In one room is the scene in the stable of Bethlehem—the stable yard and servants, the animals, trees and plants, groups of Biblical characters, little toy fountains. All that money can do to beautify the beginning of the "old, old story" is done according to the taste and means of the host and hostess. The little manger, amid soft lights and draperies, stands ready for the Nino Santo.

A procession of the guests and family forms in another part of the house, and the pilgrims, or peregrinos, march two and two, led by one who carries the Babe. Singing sweet hymns and the litanies, they go through the house, winding in and out of the rooms and galleries.

At last the wanderers stop at the door of the room in which is the manger. Two voices, representing Mary and Joseph, in a wailing hymn beg to be admitted. Voices within chant a denial. Finally a voice announces who they are that plead for shelter; then the door is thrown open, and the peregrinos are allowed to enter. The Babe is placed in the manger, often by a priest, and songs of rejoicing burst forth.

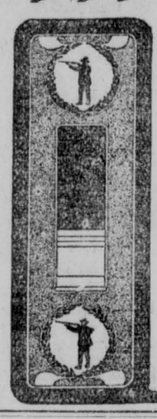
The penatas are next on the programme, the details varying with the fancy of the host.

In a convenient place the penata is suspended, and the little folk, and big ones who choose to take part in the merriment, are blindfolded one at a time, turned around a time or two, then given a stick with which to break the jar if possible. So many trials, then another tries. When one succeeds the contents fall to the floor and a scramble follows to see who gets the most. In some old families there are evenings when the numerous servants partake of the joys of the posada and share in the souvenirs and refreshments provided.—Collier's Weekly.

Look For the Good.

If we will take the good we find, asking no questions, we shall have heaping measures. The great gifts are not got by analysis. Everything is good on the highway.—Emerson.

WINCHESTER



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THE SHELLS THE CHAMPIONS SHOOT

MONROETON.

Mrs. Calvin Coolbaugh and daughters, Helen and Marguerite, are spending a week at Laceyville.

Leo Rockwell and William Hinman are home from Bucknell university for the holidays and Ford Park of Syracuse university.

J. W. Nicely of Williamsport is spending a few days at A. Lloyd Rockwell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Sweet came from Durbin, West Va., to spend some time at their home here.

Miss Charlotte Luther is home from Mansfield State Normal school for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Decker, Mrs. Bridget Walborn, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Northrup and sons Howard and Sherman, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown at Powell.

Miss Mary Rockwell, a teacher in Cranford, N. J., is spending the vacation at her home here.

Mrs. Anna DeVoe and daughter Miss Bessie of Camptown, visited Mrs. Margaret DeVoe and Mrs. Jennie Phinney over Sunday.

Mrs. William Cole and Miss Nettie Lyon are spending a few days with relatives at Tunkhannock.

Miss Eula Robinson, who is attending Starkey seminary, at Lakemont N. Y., is spending the vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary A. Wilcox.

John Dunfee and family spent Christmas day with B. F. Dunfee and family at Towanda.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and son Dwight, of Camptown, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Chaffee over Sunday. Both families spent Christmas day with relatives at New Albany.

William Ross of Murray Hill, N. J., has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Alice Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hagerman and children of Towanda, and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Merithew of Bernice, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. D. Bullock.

Fire in a Laundry.

Fire broke out at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Kinsley's laundry in the Lines building next the Ochs house. The blaze was about an ironing machine and orginated from the gasoline used in heating the rolls. It was extinguished with small damage. A quantity of finished work was destroyed, and E. W. Kinsley was severely burned on one arm in putting out the fire. As the Hook and Ladder company turned into Poplar street on their way home from the fire the truck was overturned and several parts broken.

Marble Firm Dissolved.

The marble and granite firm of Scheufler & McCarty, was on Dec. 15 dissolved by mutual consent, J. C. McCarty retiring from the business. Mr. Scheufler will continue the business at the old stand in the Bailey block on South Main street.

Another Sayre Failure.

The third failure to occur in Sayre within a few weeks is that of Max Groeper who conducted a tobacco and cigar store on Lockhart street. The liabilities are about $800 with unexempt assets of about $550.

Geometrical.

"Don't know her? Why, she lives in the same square with you."

"Yes, but she's not in the same circle."—Cleveland Leader.

Many a man chivalrously shouts of woman, "God bless her!" but fails to bless her himself.—Burlington Hawkeye.

DEEDS RECORDED.

With Location of Lands, Names of Parties and Consideration.

Warren twp.—Nov. 16, 1905. Eunice Elizabeth Arnold and Chas. E. Arnold to Robt. W. Arnold; 2½ acres, $200.

Sheshequin twp.—Dec. 14, 1905. Elisha Horton and wife to Lieuanna Horton; 10 acres, $175.

Sheshequin twp.—Aug. 16, 1905. Harry Horton and others to Lieuanna Horton; 10 acres, $1.

Standing Stone twp.—Sept. 20, 1905. Laura E. Park to Frank Sage; lot, $950.

Sayre boro.—Dec. 7, 1905. Arthur Henry Morgan and wife to Estella Ellis; lot, $1.

Sheshequin twp.—Dec. 6, 1905. Robert McDonald and others to Robert McDonald; lot, $10.

Smithfield and Springfield twps.—Dec. 15, 1905. Cornelius S. Cain to Jesse A. Crandall; 84 acres, $1,300.

Sayre boro.—Dec. 9, 1905. Geo. W. Williamson to Annie Jennings; lot, $1.

Ulster twp.—Nov. 24, 1905. Francis A. Bowman to Edward H. Bowman; lots, $1.

Sylvania Boro.—March 27, 1905. Mrs. Juliette Peck to Delos Rockwell; lot, $49.

Sayre boro.—Dec. 15, 1905. Jerry C. McNerny and wife to E. E. Walker; lot, $1.

Canton Boro.—Dec. 16, 1905. A. W. Wright to Levi S. Campbell; lot, $300.

Athens boro.—Nov. 28, 1905. Katherine A. and Chas. H. Sanford to Mary E. Stone; lot, $850.

Sheshequin twp.—Dec. 16, 1905. Alice and Bradley Ellis to Orrie Sheeler; 1½ acres, $50.

So. Waverly boro.—Nov. 25, 1905. Ellen C. Park to Antonia Compolite; lot, $500.

Columbia twp.—Nov. 22, 1905. W. H. Mosher to Josephine P. Mosher; lots, $500.

Sheshequin twp.—Dec. 12, 1905. John F. Towner and others to Smith L. Elklor; 64 acres, $500.

Ulster twp.—Dec. 9, 1905. Charles McCarty and wife to Martha Allen; ½ acre, $500.

Wyalusing twp.—Dec. 16, 1905. Arthur H. Wells and wife to Marion J. Wells and others; lot, $1.

So. Waverly boro.—Dec. 9, 1905. Perrin R. Ackley and wife to The N. Y. Lackawanna and Western Railway Co.; lot, $1,200.

Ulster twp.—Dec. 6, 1905. John W. Howie and wife to M. H. Edsell; lots, $500.

Towanda boro.—December 19, 1905. N. N. Betts, Trustee to Benj. Kuykendall, Jr., Trustee; lot, $1.

Wilmot twp.—May 6, 1905. Royal Scouten and others to George R. Scouten; 70 acres, 120 perches, $637.50.

Windham twp.—Dec. 19, 1905. Mrs. Harriet A. Hinckley to Chauncey O. Arnold and wife; lot, $900.

Litchfield twp.—June 20, 1905. Martha Dell and P. J. Phalin to T. H. Brink; 95 acres, $1.

SAYLES.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woodin of Towanda spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woodin, and also Emery Woodin of Ohio, was home for Christmas.

Amasa Fleming, who is working at Sayre, was home with his family for Christmas.

BURLINGTON.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wakely, on Wednesday, a 9½ pound daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grace and son Dorman spent Christmas with her parents at Luthers Mills.

Raymond Hiney and family has moved to Barton, N. Y.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

Time has evolved another year and brought forth again the Christmas, the day commemorating the birth of the Christ Child who, after a life of transcendent purity and love toward his fellow men, in the end yielded up his life as a sacrifice for his people. The sacrifice was a gift and giving—not receiving—is the essential in the Christian's ideal of the Christmas time. In the homes of the families of the nation, between those who are related by blood or by friendship, there is the spirit of the day manifested and the meaning of the day perpetuated, even though it may be unconsciously.

Giving brings with it good will and good will among men brings peace and so the day's motto is "Peace on earth and good will toward men." And this means the cessation of bitterness between all, a charity for those who have failed in any way, a helping hand to lift them up, the sharing of earth's blessings with those who have not, whether through their own fault or their misfortune. Life is better for the Christmas day. Let its meaning and its motto cling and abide in the hearts of all.

For the first time in modern history a State has named house-breaking in its code as a capital offense. Mississippi has adopted the following law, which stands as a statute: "Every person who shall be convicted of breaking and entering, day or night, the dwelling of another in which there shall be at the time some human being, with intent to commit such crime therein, shall suffer death, unless the jury shall fix the punishment at imprisonment for life, as in case of murder." A number of burglaries that were accompanied by shooting of householders led to the passage of this law. The intruders were usually negroes.

In how short a time a tree can be converted into a newspaper was tried recently in England. At 7:35 a. m., three trees were felled and taken to a local paper factory. By 9:34 the first sheet of paper issued from the machines. The printing works of the nearest newspaper were about two miles distant. The paper was carried there in a motor car at full speed. The presses set to work, and exactly at 10 a. m. the newspaper was printed. The whole process from the forest to the reader thus occupied only the space of two hours and twenty-five minutes.

Secretary Kalbfus of the state game commission says: "If a man wishes to run the risk of paying a penalty he must run the additional risk of publicity. That is half the punishment, I think. The commission has had many cases of men who have been caught violating the game laws, and who have willingly paid their fines on the spot, but have asked that their names be not given to the newspapers. Now all this will stop. I don't care who the violator may be or how prominent, his name will be given to the newspapers."

In Schuylkill county prosecution of the illegal liquor sellers is going on and nearly 100 arrests were made, principally in Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Ashland, Pottsville and Tamaqua. Detective Harry Kulp is gathering the evidence in all the cases. The saloon keepers were fined and all of them paid up.

A Pittsburg grocer, convicted for the second time of selling "renovated" butter, has been sentenced to pay a fine of $300 and to undergo one day's imprisonment in the county jail. In pronouncing sentence the judge announced that all second offenses would hereafter receive sentences and imprisonment.

"There are three days," says an exchange, "whereon man should not worry—tomorrow, because it has not yet arrived, today because it is needed for business, and yesterday, because it is gone forever."

Thirty of the leading seed dealers of the country have sent a petition to President Roosevelt protesting against the free distribution of seed.

A case that involved the small sum of seven dollars occupied the attention of Wayne lawyers, court and jury on Tuesday.

PLENTY OF COAL YET.

Predictions have been made from time to time that the coal in the upper portion of the anthracite coal fields of this State would soon be exhausted, but Col. R. A. Phillips, superintendent of mines for the Lackawanna Co., does not agree with this and in a recent interview published in the Engineering and Mining Journal had the following to say:

"Coal will be mined in the Lackawanna Valley for the next three generations, and then it will not have reached the stage when it will be a luxury. No one can estimate the amount of unmined coal in this section of the region. A small colliery is now and then abandoned for the reason that all the coal has been mined, but that is no criterion as to the exhaustion of the coal supply; it is an easy mater to work out a small colliery in a few years. But a few years ago some collieries were abandoned, as it was then thought that all the coal that could be mined had been extracted. But with modern equipment and labor saving machinery the seams that were then regarded as unprofitable are now being worked.

"An illustration of this is afforded in the case of the Diamond colliery of the Lackawanna Co., one of the oldest in its system. I can remember when it was accepted as a fact that the three Diamond seams could never be worked at a profit. We are now working those seams, having sunk the shaft for that purpose, and in addition are building a new breaker at the colliery, which, a few years ago, was supposed to be in its last days. We expect that it is good for another thirty years, at least."

This touches an important point. Present methods, and especially the utilization of the fine coal, are practically increasing the supply. The proportion of the coal wasted or left in the ground is very much less than when the Anthracite Waste Commission made its report. And this economizing process is not at an end by any means.

PLAN TO CHEAPEN SHOES.

A fund, said to amount to $100,000 or more, is being raised in New York and other big cities to "facilitate" a movement to induce Congress at its present session to remove the duty from hides and skins. Every shoe jobber or manufacturer and many of the leading retailers have been asked to "chip in."

The contributions run from $25 to $150, or even higher. The movement is under the auspices of "The Free Hide League," recenty organized in Chicago. Branch organizations are being formed in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and elsewhere. The league is the outgrowth of the efforts of a committee appointed by the National Shoe Wholesalers' Association.

Meantime, according to the New York jobbers, the prices of the lower grades of shoes, such as are worn by the poor man and his children, are steadily advancing. A boy's shoe, which was sold for 75 cents a pair last year is now selling for 85. A workingman's shoe of split or grain leather which brought $1.25 a year ago, is now sold for $1.60. Fine grades of shoes, worn by the well-to-do have not advanced.

The shoemakers want the duty off hides, they say, in order to check the advance in the cost of shoes due to the scarcity of leather, which in turn is due, it is alleged to the manipulations of the Beef Trust and the Leather Trust. The Beef Trust is charged with shipping live cattle to Europe and then importing their skins. The Leather Trust is charged with creating an artificial scarcity in tanned hides.

Hope Grange, No. 115, Patrons of Husbandry, has unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the representative from Oswego county, N. Y., in the legislature, to introduce a resolution calling for the resignation of United States Senators Platt and Depew, because of the insurance scandals, in which they were involved, as shown by the legislative insurance investigation. Hope Grange is the largest and most influential in that part of the state, having a membership of 3,000.

Catholics, Methodists, Congregationalists and Baptists held a mass meeting in St. Peter's Catholic church Beaverdam, Wis., the other day, and began a movement for the abolition of the treating habit and the enforcement of the law against the sale of liquors to minors. The pastors of all the churches of the city spoke, and it is believed that the movement will be successful. The chief address was delivered by Rev. John Daly, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. W. L. Riley has begun his crusade against the liquor dealers of Wayne county, who have violated the Sunday selling liquor law. With his detectives, Rev. Mr. Riley has been working in Honesdale, and has gathered evidence against a number of hotel keepers whom they charge with violating the law.

The First National Bank of Bloomsburg has declared an extra dividend of 3 per cent., making their dividends for the year amount to 15 per cent. The surpulus is now $135,000.

WANTED BREAD, NOT WORK.

There is a philanthropic baker in New York city who for some years has been in the habit of distributing at midnight or thereabouts all the unsold loaves of bread for the day among the needy poor who apply for them. It is one of the sights of New York to see these hungry ones in line waiting to get their share of the dole. But a very significant statement is made by the President of the Charity Organization society of New York city.

He says that last year 28,000 tickets were distributed among the men and women who formed the "bread line," offering prompt aid and work in the wood yard to all who would apply. The result was that only 308 of the entire number were anxious for a job or willing to work. Only a little over one man out of every hundred was willing to work! The other 98 either were not in great need or were not worrying about a job. In this case at least the parties do not seem to have reached the starvation line.

From waste paper alone one railroad last year realized $5,000. Pins, pens, nails, old brooms, bottles, tin cans and wornout machinery of all sorts are gathered up all the railway companies and turned into money. Even the ashes are sold or utilized for improving the roadbed. The greatest corporations in the world, says the Chicago Journal, are not above taking care of the fractions of pennies. The railway scrap heaps of the country last year reached the value of $1,250,000.

A physician has discovered that high collars worn by women produce cancer of the throat, and an exchange adds that low necked dresses produce pneumonia, corsets produce heart disease and shortness of breath, long skirts gather up germs of infectious diseases, thin soles produce consumption, tight shoes cause the toes to grow together and looking at bright millinery causes sore eyes. The women should be careful about these things.

The Hallstead advertising scheme of offering prizes for the largest load of adults brought to that place on Wednesday before Christmas, was a success, in numbers, if not financially. The first prize was won by Roger Cole of New Milford for landing a load of 102 people. It required three wagons and six horses to do the job. Lee DeWitt, also of New Milford, captured the next prize with a load of about 30 people.

If anything were needed to give an additional jolt to the accepted order of things, it was furnished in New York city when Abraham H. Hummell, Esq., one of the most noted criminal lawyers in the country, received a sentence of one year's imprisonment and a fine of $500, on a conviction for conspiracy in the famous Morse-Dodge divorce case. The times are apparently changing.

The new mangement of the Equitable insurance company have made the announcement that through restitution made by old officials and the robberies of policy holders carried on through exorbitant salaries and other methods, the company will be saved a million dollars annually. All this is due to the work of an unmuzzled press.—Wayne Independent.

The insurance investigation, the failure of three big Chicago banks and Tom Lawson's frenzy are combining to give financiers and others plenty to talk about. But one must remember that this is a big country, in which things are bound to happen all the while, and that no permanent harm will come.

When the idea once permeates the brain of the voters of New York that they are getting more shameful treatment at the hands of political grafters than the policy holders have had from the insurance grafters, the smashup in the politicial graft system may equal or exceed that to the insurance system—Owego Record.

The temperance people of Jefferson county have anounced that the names of signers of license petitions will be published hereafter, and give such notice that persons who deem such publicity undesirable may act accordingly.

The number of pupils now in the Waynesboro schools is 296. The enrollment at the beginning of the term and before the vaccination order went into effect, was nearly 1,200.

The records of the Pension Department show that nearly 5,000 old soldiers are passing away every month.

The love you liberate in your work is the love you keep.—The Philistine.

Hard Luck.

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WHEN ROBERT SWORE OFF

By ERNEST JARROLD

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"LOOK at it, Mabel—how it glitters, as if a mass of melted jewels! I toast you in some of the most incomparable liquid joy that was ever imprisoned in staves of oak. Sweetheart, your health!"

Mabel Brentwood inclined her stately head and raised a glass of lemonade as she sat opposite to Robert Mumford, her affianced husband, in her mother's drawing room on New Year's eve.

"I am sorry I cannot join you in drinking whisky, Robert, but you know my horror of alcohol. My father was a three bottle man, and he died of gout, my uncle shot a dear friend while under the influence of the 'incomparable liquid joy,' and you have broken veins in your cheeks."

"My lady chooses to be sarcastic," replied Robert. "I hope you are not becoming a fanatic."

"Robert, how can you treat so serious a subject in such a trite manner?" said Mabel earnestly. "There is no moral or physiological defense for the use of alcohol. Physicians use it only as a

"I'LL TAKE YOUR BET, SWEETHEART."

horseman uses a spur. They have tested its terrible reaction. Heart, lungs, kidneys, unite in rejecting it as a deadly enemy. It puts a premium on murder, inspires thievery and makes strong men strike defenseless women."

Here Mabel stopped, overcome with emotion.

"Why, my dear girl, I did not know that you took the matter so seriously. What has stimulated your interest in the subject so remarkably?"

Mabel arose and walked to his side. She ran her slender fingers through his bronze curls; then she leaned over and kissed him on the forehead.

"You, Robert, are responsible. I have watched you since you have been coming here to visit me lately. Why, you drank a quart of claret at dinner this evening, and you have visited the sideboard six times since dinner tonight."

Robert sat erect in his chair and shook off the caressing fingers. "I did not know that I was alcoholically under surveillance," he said coldly.

"That's the way with a man," replied Mabel sorrowfully. "Tell him the truth and he always meets it with brutality. Now, Mr. Gunpowder," she continued, seating herself on the arm of his chair and putting her arm around his neck, "I'm not going to quarrel with you, but I'm willing to bet you a box of bonbons against a pair of gloves that you cannot give up drinking for one month."

"I'll take your bet, sweetheart," said Robert, mollified by the caress, "just to show you that I'm not the confirmed sot you evidently think me. Drinking is merely a habit which, perhaps, I have encouraged a little, but it won't cause me the least annoyance to give it up for a month to please you."

For many years he had been a consistent drinking man. In summer he drank alcohol in some of its favorite disguises to make him cool and in winter to warm him up. Every meal was anticipated by a cocktail to give him an appetite. In fact, brandy or whisky was a panacea for every ill. Alcohol had been the crutch upon which he had leaned for so long a time that it had become a necessity. And now that he had thrown the crutch away he began to realize the terrible contract he had undertaken.

New Year's day he spent at his club, where the holiday was celebrated in the traditional fashion, with steaming punches and all the delicious concoctions so dear to his palate. Every nerve in his tortured body whimpered for its accustomed stimulus. And the fight had only just begun! He remembered with self contempt that all his torture was caused by the whim of a woman. And he was to endure this torture for thirty days! He could not do it, he thought. Then it began to dawn upon him that Mabel was right; that he really was the refined drunkard she had hinted at. And with this thought the mirth and jollity of the club became unbearable to him, and he donned his coat and rushed out into the night, where the physical action relieved him somewhat.

The next day Robert was ill—nervous prostration and heart failure, the doctor called it. All he needed was a little brandy. Robert said no, he would fight it out on a milk diet, and he sent a telegram to Mabel saying he was laid up with a slight touch of malarin, but would be out in a few days.

When Robert rode up to the Brantwood residence a week later he had lost twenty pounds. He was pale and thin, and he walked with a cane. With a sigh of content he dropped into the easy chair which Mabel rolled out for him. There was no allusion to the bet during the evening, for which Robert was inwardly grateful, but such an atmosphere of appreciation, such tenderness of speech and touch and solicitude, that Robert felt that she was the only woman who understood him, and he flattered himself, man fashion, by thinking that she was worth the fight he was making. And just before a carriage came to take him away he drank a glass of fruit juice which Mabel said was of her own concoction.

Alcohol is a kind of liquid cement which binds men of a bibulous type together, and now that the cohesive element was lacking Robert did not feel easy with his old associates. Besides, they resented his desertion as an implied reflection on their own habits. Consequently Robert spent nearly all his evenings in the society of his sweetheart. And invariably, after returning from the concert or theater, Mabel would ask him to take a parting glass of some new drink which she had discovered. Now it was an orange phosphate and again a glass of raspberry vinegar or spiced lemonade until Robert began to believe that there was no end to the kinds of temperance fluids in her closets.

"It looks as if you were going to win your bet, Robert," said Mabel one evening when only two hours intervened between the limit of the thirty days.

"Oh, yes," replied Robert with easy assurance. "It was a foregone conclusion."

"I suppose you will never touch liquor again?" she said wistfully.

"Oh, I don't know about that, Mabel. I shall probably take a glass of liquor now and then when I feel like it. Of course I shall always respect your prejudices."

"Prejudice is sometimes another name for truth, Robert," said Mabel.

At 10 o'clock Robert arose from his seat and took a flask of whisky from his pocket. He poured an inch and one-half of the amber fluid into a lemonade tumbler which stood upon the table. Raising the glass aloft, he said in the words of Ingersoll:

"Mabel, I toast you in some of the most wonderful whisky that ever drove the skeleton from the feast or painted landscapes in the brains of men. In it you will find the sunshine and the shadow that chase each other over the billowy fields, the carol of the lark, the breath of June and autumn's glad content. Your health, sweetheart!"

Robert raised the glass to his lips, but as the odor of the liquor reached his nostrils a look of supreme disgust and repulsion overspread his face. He put the glass back on the table. Mabel watched him with fascinated interest. Once more he raised the glass, and again his face was convulsed with aversion. He threw the liquor into the fire, and Mabel burst into tears. From

HE PUT THE GLASS BACK ON THE TABLE.

the shelter of his comforting arms, a few minutes later, she said:

"And now that you have made such a gallant fight and won you will give up drinking liquor entirely, won't you, Robert?"

"Yes, my love, if it will please you so much," replied Robert.

As the lingering echo of her lover's footsteps died away in the street Mabel took from her pocketbook an advertisement which stated that Dr. Esculapius Galen's sovereign remedy for the alcohol habit could be placed secretly in the tea or coffee of a husband or sweetheart and that he would then be cured of the vice.

"I wonder whether Dr. Galen's sovereign remedy or Robert's powerful will is responsible for his reformation," Mabel soliloquized.

And her face assumed that look of quiet exultation which the faces of all good women wear when their little heels have crushed the head of a serpent.

Right In Line.

"If there is anything I like," said he to his wife, "it is a woman who knows enough to be a good listener," whereat the servant girl at the keyhole could not repress a smile of satisfaction.

It requires as much reflection and wisdom to know what is not to be put into a sermon as what is.—Cecil.

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TOWANDA, PA., DEC. 28, 1905.

The Salvation Army fed 1,500 people in Elmira on Christmas day.

James Brennan of New York city, is visiting his relatives in Towanda.

Incorporated companies can secure bonds and stock certificates at this office.

John Woodburn, proprietor of the hotel at Rome, is very ill with typhoid pneumonia.

Mrs. B. F. Bowman is in New York city visiting her daughter, Miss Cora M. Bowman.

A change of time schedule will be made on the Lehigh Valley on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Edwin Vosburgh and Leonard Rockwell are spending the week with relatives in Sayre.

The engagement is announced of Miss Nannie B. Mitchell and Ernest L. Teeter of Troy.

Mary M. Putnam, of Granville Center, has been granted a widow's pension of $12 per month.

A number of Towanda persons have contributed money and articles to Mercy hospital at Wilkesbarre

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor and little son of Tioga, are guests of J. L. Schoonover on Mechanic street.

Stedge & Vosburg, the South Main street barbers, are installing a bath room in their place of business.

Mrs. R. L. Scheufler was discharged from the Sayre hospital Tuesday and returned to her home in Towanda.

A pouch of Christmas mail was stolen in Scranton on Thursday night while being transferred between depots.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Sargeant of Wetona, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. M. E. Shayler, Poplar street.

Postmaster Turner has supplied gratis in the lobby of the postoffice wrapping paper and twine for wrapping holiday packages.

Miss Mary A. Sheerer, mother of Mrs. H. W. Stark of Sayre, died at her home at Parsons on Saturday. Interment was made at Montrose.

The Towanda Musical society will be entertained on Thursday by Miss Overton at the Ward House. The program will be from Handell and Haydn with Christmas songs.

Dr. Charles Reed of the navy school for surgeons at Washington, and Edward Reed of the University of Pennsylvania, are visiting their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Reed, at Wysox.

After attempting to conceal the fact for some time it is learned that Tamaqua is in the throes of a smallpox epidemic, and that the health authorities of that borough are very much exercised over the fact.

The Dogs on Macfarlane.

According to the Seattle Sunday Times, some friend of James Macfarlane, the well known Towanda young man who is now in the real estate business in Seattle, played a practical joke on James recently. An ad was put in the papers stating that Mr. Macfarlane was in the market for a dog and requesting that the animals be brought to his office for inspection. A procession of canines began soon after the ad. appeared and the air became so oppressive for James that he was obliged to put a notice on the door that he had gone hunting, in order to avoid further trouble.

Mr. Blackwell To Be Deputy.

Alfred C. Blackwell, deputy county treasurer for the past six years, has been named by Treasurer-elect Waters to have charge of the office during his term. Mr. Blackwell will be assisted by Miss Ida K. Layton as clerk. While Mr. Waters's friends regret that the condition of his eyes will not allow his doing the clerical work of the office, they will congratulate him upon his selection of a deputy.

Burglar Taken to the Pen.

Sheriff Robinson and Constable Guy C. Hollon went Tuesday to Philadelphia, conveying to the Eastern penitentiary Bert J. Woodruff, the self-confessed burglar of the Hawes, Macfarlane and Gordon residences in Towanda borough, and of two school houses in North Towanda. Woodruff enters upon a sentence of seven years at hard labor with solitary confinement.

An Out Doors Christmas Tree.

The Kizers on York avenue, had their Christmas tree out of doors this year. Mr. Kizer fourteen years ago brought from Pikes Peak an evergreen that has since been growing in his yard, and as Floyd puts it, "Santa Claus found the tree Christmas eve and put something on it for every member of the family except myself."

Would Lose One Each.

The following counties would lose one member of the legislature each by the proposed reapportionment of the state: Adams, Bedford, Bradford, Bucks, Center, Chester, Clarion, Columbia, Crawford, Huntington, Indiana, Lancaster, Lycoming, Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Wayne.

Entertained at Quarry Glen.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hale and Miss Hale entertained Tuesday at a delightful dance at the Quarry Glen club house. Between 80 and 90 people danced to the music of McHenry's orchestra, and supper was served at midnight.

GOVERNMENT CASE AGAINST THREE MYERSBURG BOYS.

Dismissed by United States Commissioner John W. Mix.

The United States government keeps a very jealous eye upon all things pertaining to the postal service and no pains are too great to take or road too long to follow to trace any offender against the safety of the mails. This was well illustrated in the case of George Abbott, John Royal and William Lamphere, three Wysox township boys, who had a hearing Dec. 20 before United States Commissioner Mix on the charge of interfering with the rural mail box of J. C. Green of Myersburg. The boys were discharged for lack of evidence.

Mr. Green's complaint was that on the night of Sept. 16 last, the three boys tampered with his mail box and broke the device that signalled the presence of mail in the box. The complaint brought upon the scene Postal Inspector H. E. Lucas of Williamsport and then the boys were arrested by Deputy Marshal Snyder of Scranton. United States District Attorney Samuel J. McCarrell of Harrisburg, took charge of the prosecution.

All these officials and a host of witnesses were on hand Wednesday. But the government failed to make out a prima facie case of malicious intent to injure the box, although the boys admited to various persons that they ran into the box. The real responsibility for all the trouble and costs no doubt belongs with the parties who sold these minors the intoxicating liquor which they stated they drank before starting home on the night in question.

AN OPEN SWITCH.

Caused a Commotion at Washington Street and Injured Three.

The gang of men employed at the Washington street station of the Lehigh Valley in unloading the 12-ton Welles monument, had a narrow escape Thursday morning. While a dozen or more men were upon and about the car the yard engine with a string of cars came up the main track, and running into the open switch crashed into the two box cars standing next the flat car carrying the stone. The men were thrown in every direction and three of them received slight injuries. William Ackley was thrown across some timbers upon his back and George Lafey and William Heeman were caught by the feet under the smaller pieces of the monument.

The force with which the locomotive struck the cars may be judged by the fact that the 12 ton piece of granite was shoved along on the car a full six feet, or rather the car was pushed under the granite for that distance. It was a very fortunate escape from what might have easily been a serious accident.

Village Improvement Officers.

The following are the new officers of the Village Improvement association at Canton: President, Mrs. W. W. Whitman; vice-presidents, Mrs. Daniel Innes, Mrs. H. L. Clark, for six months, Mrs. Homer Rockwell, Mrs. Hugh Crawford; treasurer, Mrs. L. T. McFadden; recording secretary, Mrs. Byron Crawford; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jackson; directresses, Mrs. John A. Innes, Mrs. E. B. Loop, Mrs. E. J. Sweet, Mrs. Fannie Anderson; for six months, Mrs. J. F. Clark, Mrs. M. H. Wirth.

Body Removed to Lockport.

The body of Miss Kate Childs, daughter of E. A. Childs, was last week removed from Oak Hill cemetery, Towanda, to Lockport, N. Y., the present home of the family. Miss Childs died in Niagara Falls while the family were residing in Towanda.

Dance Held at Ward House.

Mrs. Walter McLean gave a sheet and pillow case dance for her daughter, Miss Elsie McLean, at the Ward House on Monday evening. All the guests came masked and alone and the affair was a unique one and much enjoyed. Miss Rose Corbett played for the dancing and refreshments were served.

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LARGE ATTENDANCE AT ASYLUM DAY MEETING.

Residents and Descendants Tell of Old Times and Settlements.

There was a large attendance at the Asylum day meeting of the Bradford County Historical society on Saturday afternoon at the society's rooms here. The program was opened by Master John Heverly who gave a recitation that was much appreciated. Colonel E. J. Ayers spoke briefly of the early settlers there and said that Asylum was a place of refuge for German settlers before the French came there. It had given to the nation, the state and the county, one congressman, three representatives, three county commissioners, two associate judges, four auditors, one county surveyor, one sheriff and one county treasurer.

John A. Biles gave a valued talk on the different sections embraced in the township at various times and exhibited a map 110 years old, which was given in 1861 to the old historical society and found a few years ago in a desk sold to Colonel John A. Codding at the sale of the effects of C. L. Ward, who was secretary of the society. Mr. Biles said that the log house erected by the French at Asylum and called the King's house, was 110 feet long and is said to have been the largest log house ever built in America.

Mrs. Murray of Athens, author of "Azilum," was present at the meeting and gave an interesting talk upon the famous settlement. Her mother was born in this old log house but, according to Mrs. Murray, it was called the Queen's house, as the King of France was dead at the time the house was built while the queen was still living. Mrs. Murray was much interested in the question as to whether there was a chapel erected there and services held in it and any one having any gentle information on this point should write Mrs. Murray.

The roll call by Secretary Heverly followed and showed the attendance of a number of descendants of the old settlers. The question box followed this and proved highly interesting. Heverly also read a poem written by N. P. Moody and called "Asylum Valley," which was well versed. The meeting was an excellent one throughout.

MR. DAVIES'S BIRTHDAY.

Dec. 20 Marked His Seventy-Fourth Milestone in Life.

Dec. 20 was the seventy-fourth birthday anniversary of Hon. W. T. Davies of Towanda and the occasion was more than a usually gratifying birthday to that well known gentleman. One of the reasons was that better reports are still received as to the condition of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Harkness of Binghamton, who has been so critically ill; then Mr. Davies himself had been in better health during the past few months than for many years; then he was given a fine dinner at 8 o'clock that evening at the Ward House by Ed. Carter, Jr., at which a few of his intimate friends were present. Mr. Davies was also the recipient of the following telegram from Hon. O. D. Kinney, one of his best friends:

"Hon. W. T. Davies, Towanda, Pa.

"Congratulations on an exceptionally useful and honorable life of seventy four years. You have earned and possess the respect and affection of practically everybody."

"O. D. Kinney."

Hon. W. T. Davies's career of honor and distinction as a captain in the war, and as state senator and lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania will bring to him from all parts of the county congratulations on his anniversary.

Annual Dinner.

Charles F. Moore Camp, N. 6, Department of Pennsylvania U. S. W. V., has issued invitations for the annual New Year's dinner to be given in the P. O. S. of A. hall in Towanda at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, January 1. All comrades who served at the time of the blowing up of the warship Maine are elgible to membership and they are requested to be present. Those not members of the order are requested to bring their discharges with them. Installation of officers for the year 1906 will follow the dinner. The installation will be open to all visiting comrades and friends.

Returned to York State.

Lehigh Valley Officer Doty of Sayre, and Officer Kinney of Geneva, came to Towanda Thursday and took with them to Canandaigua for trial, Arthur Gatfield. Gatfield is the man charged with robbing a fellow passenger on a Lehigh Valley train a couple of weeks ago. He returned to New York state without requestion at his own request and by advice of his counsel.

Serious Offense Charged.

David M. Rogers, of Meshoppen, a witness in court, was held Thursday by Justice Meredith for a hearing on Jan. 4 on the charge of adultery. Rogers has been a witness in court this week, and was arrested by Officers Hollon and Benedict in a hotel room in company with a woman not his wife.

Mr. Teeter Here.

E. L. Teeter of Troy, of the firm of Teeter & Moore, the cold storage men, was in town a couple of days last week on business connected with the plant being made in the Dyer block on Main street, which the firm recently purchased.

Arcade Store Rented.

Nate Wilbur and Elias Horton have leased the corner grocery store in the Arcade block, and expect soon to open an oyster and fish market at that stand.

BIG WATER MAINS WERE BADLY CHOKED BY ROOTS.

Over Two Hundred Feet of Twelve Inch Pipe Was Filled.

For several weeks past the Towanda Water Works management have been trying to fill their reservoir in Towanda, but without much success. There appeared to be plenty of water at the springs and the reason for the failure to accumulate a reserve was a mystery. Last week Superintendent Watson solved the problem when he began to dig up the big 12-inch mains near the springs at Laddsburg.

There was found in the pipe a growth of roots that almost entirely filled it and which effectually prevented the flow of water. In one place a willow root had entered a joint in the pipe, at the point of entry being as big as a man's finger but flattened to less than a quarter of an inch thick. This had spread to a dense mass of fine fibres. At another point the root of a water beech had done the same thing, and the result was the filling of the pipe for a distance of over 200 feet. The growth was removed only by digging up the pipe a section at a time. Several long pieces of the roots are displayed at the water company office. Plenty of water is now coming in.

CHRISTMAS AT POSTOFFICE.

Unusually Heavy Package Business Was Done Last Week.

Friday was the big day of the week at the Towanda postoffice, and the rush of business incident to the Christmas season probably reached its climax. Although the efficiency of the working force has been somewhat crippled by the illness of one of the clerks there was very little delay in handling the mail or the business at the general delivery and money order windows. The incoming and outgoing mail has been unusually heavy this year and the business of Friday was—number of packages handled—the largest probably in the history of the office.

One notable feature of the Christmas mail this year was the marked number of packages received from the rural routes. Friday and Saturday every carrier had an armful and when their combined contributions came together in the postoffice they made a pile of no small dimensions. The Christmas spirit which finds its expression in Christmas giving has become quite as general in the country as in town and city and this is why the Christmas trade has been of so great a volume everywhere.

STABBING AT LAQUIN.

Foreigner in Sayre Hospital and His Italian Assailant at Large.

At Laquin on Christmas day there was a row among the foreign laborers that may yet result in a murder. During the celebration in the foreign colony, Joe Dorfer and an Italian, name unknown, engaged in a wrestling match. The Italian was thrown by Dorfer, and while the men were struggling upon the ground the Italian plunged a knife into the breast of his opponent, making two ugly wounds, one above and one just below the heart.

The wounded man was taken to the Sayre hospital Tuesday forenoon, very much weakened from the loss of blood and in a precarious condition. The knife wielder made his escape from the town during the night. He is described as about 25 years old, with black hair and a very heavy black mustache, and having a prominent scar upon his chin.

Thought Student a Burglar.

The Athens Evening News says that two Towanda young men who are students at Syracuse university were in Sayre on Wednesday evening awaiting a train home. One of the students went to see a young lady friend and the other remained outside until the how do you do's and goodbys were said. As he paced up and down the sidewalk with no apparent business thereabouts and as he wore a slouch hat pulled down over his eyes he attracted suspicion and a call was sent in for the police. Just then the other student came out of the house and the two went to the station without having to give an explanation in the police court.

Francis Murphy Not Ill.

The reports recently circulated in the press that Francis Murphy the famous temperance worker, was dying, prove eroneous. His many friends in this section will be glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Clark Willson of Towanda, have just received a letter from him, and that Mr. Murphy is well and doing a successful work at present in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Willson are old friends of Mr. Murphy and have worked with him in the temperance field.

Another School House Robbed.

It has just been learned that on Saturday night, Dec. 16, the Laning school house in Wysox township, was entered by a burglar and a quantity of pencils and small articles taken. Burglar Woodruff, however, denies having anything to do with the job.

Captain McLean Here.

Captain and Mrs. Walter McLean of Washington, D. C., and their daughter, Miss Elsie McLean, who is attending the Dwight school at Englewood, N. J., are spending the holidays at Mrs. McLean's mother's, Mrs. A. A. Jarvis, on York avenue.

A Christmas Cactus.

Mrs. William Barnes of Towanda township has a Christmas cactus on which there are 345 blossoms and buds. It presents a beautiful sight.

FORTY YEARS WEDDED.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Prince Celebrated an Anniversary.

The fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Prince of Towanda, was celebrated on Thursday of last week by a family reunion and dinner at their pleasant home on Packer avenue. The entire family was present except Mr. Prince's brother Ira and wife of Elmira, the only guests beside being Rev. and Mrs. Herbert H. Graves. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock, the table being served by Misses Alta and Kate Prince of Athens, and Miss Helen Prince. There were present to enjoy the happy occasion the children of Mr. and Mrs. Prince—Fred R. Prince, Hartley L. Prince, Mrs. B. S. Harden and Miss Helen of Towanda; George Prince of Sayre; Mrs. Charles Horton of Ulster, and their families; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prince and family of Athens. A handsome quartered oak sideboard was given Mr. and Mrs. Prince.

Henry A. Prince and Miss Flora Louise Powell, daughter of Ethan Powell of Orwell, were married on Dec. 21, 1865, and all of their long and happy married life has been spent in Towanda, where all their acquaintances are their friends and where they are held in the highest respect and esteem.

WHOLE TOWN SOLD.

G. C. Hollon Now Owns Quinlantown, Once Lively Village.

Guy C. Holloon recently became the owner of the entire village of Quinlantown, a once lively sawmill town about four miles south of Laquin. He bought of George R. Hill all the buildings in the village and will soon proceed to demolish them and sell the lumber to the surrounding farmers.

Quinlantown was founded about 12 years ago by E. E. Quinlan, now of Waynesville, N. C., who established a sawmill there and cut a large amount of timber. As soon as the timber was finished the village was deserted, the mill dismantled and sold, and it became, in truth, a "deserted village." Mr. Hollon will probably allow the cottage built by Mr. Quinlan, the best of the lot, to stand for a fishing and hunting lodge.

Witch Hazle Town.

A second corporation for the manufacture of witch-hazle extract is being formed in Tunkhannock. It is to be known as The Wyoming Witchhazle company, and its promoter is N. E. Hughes, formerly with the Tunkhannock Distilling company. The stockholders are Wilkesbarre, Towanda and Tunkhannock men, and the plant will be located on Remington street, in Col. E. S. Handrick's cider and shingle mill, which is to be transformed to meet the requirements of the new enterprise. The new company has been buying witch-hazle brush for some time and is paying $4 per ton. The price heretofore has been but $3. The stills will be ordered in a short time, and as soon as they can be set up the plant will begin turning out extract.

Will Enter Soldiers' Home.

Edward McCann of Overton, who is on his way to Johnson City, Tenn., where he will enter the Soldiers' National Home, was calling on old neighbors and friends in Towanda on Wednesday. Mr. McCann was one of the Overton boys, who served with credit in the 18th P. V. Cavalry and was badly wounded. Owing to his growing infirmities, he goes to the home that he may enjoy comfort in his closing years.—Bradford Star.

Appraised the Solomon Property.

The Security Trust company of Rochester has been named as the executor of the estate of M. E. Solomon of Rochester, formerly of Towanda. Last week J. W. Codding, J. Frank Patterson and A. C. Blackwell, acting as a board of appraisers, made a valuation of the Solomon real estate in Towanda. It consists of a number of stores.

Admitted to the Bar.

William G. Schrier, for the past six years a clerk in prothonotary's office was Thursday admitted to practice law in the several courts of Bradford county. Mr. Schrier has been registered as a student from the office of H. F. Maynard, Esq., Athens.

Getts Got Four Months.

Harry Getts, charged by Charles Yanofski with the larceny of some rubber junk and a sweater, pleaded guilty Thursday before Justice Orcutt. Getts got four months in jail and a fine of $1 and costs.

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SEVERAL ACCIDENTS.

Burns, Bumps and Bruises Fall Upon Towanda Residents.

Miss Margaret Kennedy, maid at Mrs. J. B. Vadergrift's, was painfully burned about the face, neck and one hand on Thursday evening by the explosion of an alcohol lamp being used in a chafing dish. The lamp did not burn and more alcohol was poured in when the lamp exploded. Mrs. Vandergrift was entertaining a party but Miss Kennedy was the only person that the burning stuff struck. Dr. D. L. Pratt attended to Miss Kennedy's injuries.

A few days ago Arthur Slear fell through the turntable at the yard of the Susquehanna & New York railroad here and his nose was badly injured. So hard did he fall that the member was almost torn loose. On Tuesday while Louis Dill of James street was cutting wood, a piece flew up and struck him in the eye. While he was badly hurt the eyesight will not be affected. Dr. D. L. Pratt also attended these parties.

Sunday School Exercises.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, the Sunday school held their exercises at 6 o'clock. A feature was the giving exercises in which the classes gave articles for the poor of the town. At the Methodist church largely attended exercises were held Sunday evening. Judge A. C. Fanning, superintendent of the Sunday school, was presented with a handsome hymnal. The exercises at the Universalist church were held Saturday evening and were as usual very good.

Poor Chidren Made Happy.

The Christmas treat provided by the Salvation Army for the poor children of Towanda Christmas afternoon, proved a decided success. The Army hall on South Main street was filled with happy youngsters and their parents, and the little folks were given candy, oranges, and etc.

A MODEL SCHOOL.

Miss Scherer's Kindergarteners Hold Their Closing Exercises.

The Christmas and closing exercises of Miss Scherer's kindergarten was held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Seventeen pupils ranging in aged from three to six years make up this school, which has splendid quarters in the residence of D. C. DeWitt, Esq., on State street. The exercises consisted of songs and drills, which were prettily done. There was a beautiful little Christmas tree, the trimming of which was entirely the work of the children. Upon it were gifts for their parents and friends of their own handiwork, the idea being to teach the thought of giving rather than receiving. The work of these apt little pupils consisted of outlining, the coloring of prints, the braiding of materials for the backgrounds of calendars, etc., and would reflect credit upon many an older person.

The vacation will last until Jan. 2. Miss Scherer is achieving a remarkable success, and is finely supported by her enthusiastic pupils, the very littlest of them being on hand every day eager for work.

Increase in L. V. Pay.

The Lehigh Valley railroad company paid out over $200,000 among its employes in this valley this month. This amount is against $173,000 last month, and although these figures represent only approximate amounts the increase is nearly 16 per cent. Two hundred thousand dollars is an immense amount of money to come into a valley, the population of which is less than 20,000, and no wonder the residents look happy, healthy and prosperous.—Sayre Record.

Building a Cooler.

James Meredith, the Elizabeth street manufacturer of soft drinks, is building a large cooler in the rear of his premises in the Bryant building. This will make a valuable addition to his facilities for handling his goods.

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PARAGRAPH RECORD OF EVENTS IN THE PASSING YEAR.

Size of 1905 In History

Impression Left on the Mind of the Reading Public by Another Year's Drama of Human Activities That Shape Forth Civilization's Future.

By EDWIN S. POTTER

Prosperity's Presence Brightens the Business World

One fact is writ large over the face of the year's industrial and commercial activities, especially in our own land. Whatever may be said of the equity or inequity of the existing economic system and of the distribution of opportunities, an unprecedented era of business prosperity is with us beyond cavil. The hesitation which marked the presidential campaign of 1904 gave way to confidence after Roosevelt swept the country. Money became plentiful. Prices of staple products and negotiable securities advanced. At home and abroad enormous orders for iron and steel products, machinery and agricultural implements, fuel and all kinds of raw material set mines, mills and factories to running overtime.

The settlement of extensive strikes in the building trades paved the way for a phenomenal spurt in residence and office construction in nearly all of our cities. Railroads, trolley combines and shipping interests went into new and vast schemes of extension and improvement. Lastly, but at the foundation of the whole structure, was the decision of our farmers to increase the acreage under cultivation, an exception being the cotton planters, who made some restriction in order to maintain prices. The result, weather favoring and improved methods helping, made possible Secretary Wilson's story of record breaking crops to gladden the nation's Thanksgiving day, the total increment of agricultural wealth being estimated at $6,415,000,000.

In the spring of the year this condition of affairs was noticeably reflected in the universal shortage of freight cars on all the great railroad highways, notwithstanding that the car construction companies had been running full blast to fill enormous orders for rolling stock. The Missouri Pacific and the Burlington engaged in a sharp rate war in the rivalry of gulf and Atlantic ports for western grain last spring, and later in the summer eastern trunk lines suffered slightly from a temporary period of rate cutting. Progress was made toward through trolley lines between Buffalo and Chicago and other western points. The management of the Vanderbilt system of railroads was centralized under the single headship of President Newman. Gould became supreme in the Wabash after forcing Ramsey out. Hill and Harriman reached a settlement by dividing the northwest between them. Our foreign commerce as recorded at the end of the fiscal year was over $2,500,000,000, an increase of $184,000,000 and the largest on record. This meant prosperity to shipping interests, notwithstanding that the trust as such reported a million deficit.

Our export trade encountered one dangerous antagonism in the Chinese boycott, which was begun May 15 by the action of the Shanghai chamber of commerce, presumably inspired by powerful officers of the empire in retaliation for the rigors and insults connected with the administration of the American exclusion law.

The great life insurance companies, which began the year with their customary reports boasting of gains and surpluses, have passed through the chastening fires of investigation and reorganization following the strife between the Hyde and Alexander factions for the control of the Equitable. Just as that great institution appeared about ready for a receivership the powerful financial hand of Thomas F. Ryan seized control and handed it over to the trusteeship of ex-President Cleveland and two others in the interest of mutualization. At the same time Paul Morton became the society's official head. The extravagances and irregularities disclosed in the Equitable by its own investigation and that of the state insurance commissioner were followed by similar disclosures in the New York Life, the Mutual and others and shocking corruption in all of them under the scalpel of Counsel Hughes for the Armstrong New York state legislative committee. The McCurdys had to get out of the Mutual and others were expected to follow. The immediate effect on the commercial side was reform and economy. Missouri led the way in the campaign for restitution by ordering the offending companies to quit the state.

Thomas F. Ryan.

The trend toward commercial combinations which was notable in many lines, such as the locomotive trust, smelters' trust, bank and trust companies' combinations, huge traction holding companies and the pottery trust, encountered sharp but futile opposition in the state of Kansas in connection with the oil industry.

It has been a period of great industrial achievements, among which the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Ore., from June to October, with $2,250,000 and a 30 per cent dividend to its credit, ranks high. The 10,000 horsepower turbines at Niagara were set in motion in January. The Cornell dam in the Hudson, said to be the greatest masonry job in the world, was completed Feb. 5. The Simplon tunnel under the Alps from Switzerland to Italy, twelve and a half miles long, was opened April 2.

Purification of Politics Begun by Anti-Graft Revolt

In the history of American politics the year 1905 will mark an awakening of the nation's voting citizenship to a new realization of its responsibilities and its powers and as the beginning of the end of the kind of commercialized party dictatorship which for more than a generation had held the mass of voters in thrall. The fact that the national issues of monetary standard, tariff and imperialism had been left behind with the receding presidential year and that the Republican party was more strongly intrenched in power by reason of President Roosevelt's phenomenal personal popularity with the people of all sections tended to clear the track for the entry of reform knights in the several cities and state tourneys armed with the lance of an awakened popular conscience against which the puppet riders for the party bosses could avail nothing.

Next to the president himself in his ceaseless advocacy of new legislation to give central government adequate power to fix railroad rates, prevent rebates and otherwise control the great interstate corporations, no personal figure has stood out with so much meaning and promise of better things as that of William Travers Jerome, who was reelected as district attorney of New York city as a free lance candidate in open defiance of all party machines and bosses and with all the forces of the great city's criminal and graft elements arrayed against him. Jerome's fight was for a principle of direct and unrestricted popular expression, which is typical of what any community in the land may do in overturning party machinery and boss dictation.

District Attorney Jerome.

The demolition of bosses caused by the flood of conscience ballots on Nov. 6 is recent enough to be fresh in every mind. Pennsylvania's turning of the half million majority for Roosevelt into a 50,000 plurality for the Democratic state treasurer candidate, Berry, and the crushing defeat of the Philadelphia contract combine by the reform forces under the leadership of Mayor Weaver were only comparable to the decisive retirement of the Ohio Republican bosses by over 100,000 in favor of Pattison, Democrat, for governor. The shake-up in both of these great Republican strongholds of the east, which elected Democrats to office, was conceded by all to mean a triumph for the Roosevelt administration. In Philadelphia no one thing so much strengthened the hands of Weaver as the letter from Elihu Root just before the great New York attorney entered the cabinet to take the chair vacated by the death of Secretary Hay. His bold characterization of the Penrose-Durham organization as "a corrupt and criminal combination masquerading under the names of Republicans" gave courage to the long enslaved party worshipers of the Keystone State. A similar note of independence on the part of the administration was sounded by Secretary Taft's Akron (O.) speech in October. In big and little cities wherever an individual or an organization stood squarely for some moral principle of local affairs the voters responded effectively.

Elihu Root.

The enormous vote for Hearst in New York city as the candidate of the Municipal Ownership league, such that Mayor McClellan's official majority was contested in the courts, was merely an echo of another electoral triumph for municipal ownership earlier in the year—namely, Chicago's choice of the Democratic candidate for mayor, Dunne, by 24,000 over Harlan, the Republican. Although Mayor Dunne has been able to accomplish little toward immediate city ownership of the street railroads on account of the majority in the city council against that policy, his election on that issue has gone far toward committing the national Democratic organization to the general principle of government ownership of public utilities. The Socialist vote fell off wherever the municipal ownership candidates were put up. In this return of the Democracy toward radical policies the figure of William J. Bryan loomed up again with a prospect of dominance. He urged the Democrats to support Roosevelt in a trust busting policy and started with his family on a world tour Sept. 27.

But of all the political reactions of the year nothing had more far reaching effects than the course of the New York legislative investigation of the great life insurance corporations, begun Sept. 6 under the chairmanship of Senator Armstrong and the skillful probing of the committee's counsel, Charles E. Hughes. This was brought about by the rivalry between the Hyde and Alexander factions in the Equitable, which is a part of the year's commercial record. Worse than the worst expectations have been realized by this investigation, which extends into the new year. Not only the Equitable, but the New York Life, the Mutual, Mutual Reserve and others, under the relentless vivisection of Counsel Hughes, shocked the public by their various diseases of extravagance, legislative bribery and political corruption. Both of New York's senators, ex-Governor Odell and minor political lights were dimmed in one way or another by these revelations. The admitted large contributions to campaign funds, mostly to the Republican party in recent years, tended to place that party's campaign managers on the defensive, and the administration voiced a quite general demand for federal control of the great interstate insurance concerns.

Charles E. Hughes.

The issue as to Chinese exclusion was raised by the anti-American boycott in China, and the president promptly moderated the execution of the existing law. The personal popularity of President Roosevelt and support of his policies were increased by his extensive journeys, first in April through the southwest territories and states to his hunting vacation in Colorado and in October through the south to New Orleans, not to mention several shorter excursions.

The short session which brought the Fifty-eighth congress to a close March 4 was noted chiefly for what it failed to do. Aside from the appropriations, totaling $818,478,914, the only important matter agreed upon by both houses was placing the Panama canal administration entirely in the president's hands. The house passed, 326 to 17, the Esch-Townsend rate bill, indorsed by the president, but it was pigeonholed by the senate. The seven arbitration treaties failed owing to the insistence of the senate on its right to amend, influenced somewhat by the administration's reported agreement with Santo Domingo. Later the formal Domingo treaty reached the senate, but failed of ratification, and a conditional agreement for the collection and holding of Domingo's revenues was made by the president. A blot on the session was the house's effort to get mileage allowed for the constructive recess, the bill being killed by the senate. Other important bills that failed after much effort were those for statehood of the territories and pure food. The house impeached Federal Judge Swayne of Florida, and on Feb. 27 his trial by the senate resulted in acquittal of the Compton charges.

The Fifty-ninth congress began its career Dec. 4, with many vital problems to solve, chief of which was that of the federal rate fixing and control of corporations so strongly urged in the president's message. Its first notable action was the $11,000,000 appropriation to meet the current obligations of the Panama canal commission.

Protestant Churches Reaching Out For Federation

Doctrinal fences between Protestant denominations in the United States, which had been getting more and more shaky for several years, virtually fell into disuse when, Nov. 27, the delegates to the interchurch conference on federation, at New York city, adopted unanimously a plan for a "council of the churches of Christ in America." Thus the 20,000,000 communicants of thirty different church organizations were brought into the promised land of moral and missionary unity. This forward stride is the one thing above others which has put new hope and enthusiasm into American Protestantism. The apparent inconsistency of the conference in excluding the Unitarian delegates, not on personal but on doctrinal grounds, is not regarded as altering the essential importance of the movement for those great bodies which are directly concerned.

The Presbyterian church in the north took the lead in active affiliation with organized labor. During the summer the unity spirit was shown in great revival meetings in all our larger cities, with all the Protestant churches uniting. In Philadelphia and New York the churches took an active part in politics, praying and working for reform candidates. The northern and southern Baptists united after sixty years of separation, adopting a constitution at their St. Louis conference in May. The Catholic church as well as the Protestant churches joined in the movement against divorce. The Zionists in convention at Basel, Switzerland, split, a majority favoring Palestine rather than a British colony in Africa. The Methodists adopted a revised hymn book.

The protest made by the Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, O., against the acceptance of a Rockefeller donation to the Congregationalist foreign missions on the ground that the money was "tainted" by the frauds and corruption connected with its acquisition started a discussion which raged furiously in his own denomination and then spread through the whole Christian world, although the Congregational church itself finally decided that such donations for church enterprises were acceptable.

Manifold Activities Of the Federal Executive

On the 29th day of August the whole world bowed its acknowledgments to the chief executive of the United States for having been the instrument of bringing to a close one of the greatest wars of all history. The peace of Portsmouth was negotiated by the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries on that day, and its terms and bearings properly belong to the record of foreign affairs, but of all the varied activities of President Roosevelt's year nothing has brought him so much and so well earned applause as the fact that he, through his official initiative, first made possible the peace conference and, second, by his tenacious and forceful personality brought the representatives into agreement after almost all hope had been abandoned on account of Russia's unwillingness to pay a single kopeck of the big indemnity demanded by Japan.

The progress made on a large scale toward the realization of this nation's ambition for a waterway across the American isthmus stands well at top of the list of doings chargeable to the executive, especially since congress, Feb. 23, put the whole management of that project in the president's hands, with $10,000,000 to start with. Six days thereafter the old cumbersome canal board was ousted and a new one went to work, headed by Theodore P. Shonts and with all executive responsibility centralized in himself and two others, Magoon to look after the law and sanitation and Wallace as chief engineer. The last mentioned suddenly quit the job on June 30 and was succeeded by Stevens. The progress made by the commission is mainly in laying the foundation for health and contentment of the canal employees and in getting an adequate equipment on the ground.

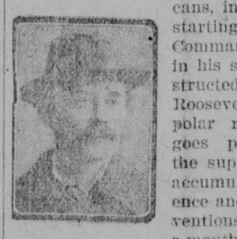
Theodore P. Shonts.

The pursuit of governmental grafters and drones which began in 1904 with the purging of the postal service has been extended and intensified systematically through all the executive departments by the Keep commission. Hitchcock, in the interior, has made surprising headway in the prosecution of the land grabbers of the far west, scoring among many convictions that of the late Senator Mitchell of Oregon. Secretary Wilson's statistical bureau was ripped up, especially as to a leak in the cotton report, causing the dismissal of Assistant Statistician Holmes early in July and later the voluntary retirement of his chief, John Hyde. The Keep investigation committee is still at work. Even the state department has had its share of scandal to publish and live down in the dismissal of Minister to Venezuela Bowen after a hearing of his charges against Assistant Secretary Loomis and the subsequent voluntary retirement of the latter in September to be succeeded by Robert Bacon. After the death of Hay, Root became the secretary of state July 19, and Charles J. Bonaparte of Maryland became secretary of the navy June 1. A census of the Philippines disclosed a population of 7,635,426. The army in the Philippines completely subdued the rebellious Moros. The Philippine government completed its purchase of all friar lands. The body of John Paul Jones was brought to Annapolis from Paris with great naval ceremony July 24.

Science Expecting The Conquest of Tuberculosis

Although the actual chemical agent capable of conquering the tuberculosis microbe in human tissue has not been so definitely announced in any quarter as to be authoritatively acknowledged in the medical section of the scientific world, at least one world famous medical pioneer, Professor von Behring, did claim before the international tuberculosis congress at Paris in September that he had solved the problem and had in his possession a positive remedy for the great white plague. At least twenty medical experts are hot on the trail of a real consumption cure as the year ends. Dr. Levi, the Italian specialist, claims to have cured consumption by the use of iodium, and Dr. Russell of New York reported success in a series of hospital cases by using a diet of the juice of mixed raw vegetables.

The unending rivalry of navigators for the honor of discovering the north pole took on new interest for Americans, in view of the starting, July 16, of Commander Peary in his specially constructed ship, the Roosevelt, for the polar regions. He goes prepared for the supreme test of accumulated experience and modern inventions. Less than a month after Peary sailed, the Ziegler arctic expedition, under Anthony Fiala of New York, was found by the rescuing party. In December came word from Captain Roald Amundsen of Norway, who had reached Eagle City, Alaska, navigating the northwest passage in thirty months and locating the magnetic pole on King William island.



Commander Peary.

Astronomy was enriched by a number of important discoveries, chief of which were the photographing of the canals of Mars by Professor Percival Lowell at Flagstaff, Ariz.; the finding of the sixth and seventh moons of Jupiter by Professor Perrine of the Lick observatory; the discovery of several new stars in Aquila by Mrs. Flemming of Harvard; the observation of radium in the photo sphere of the sun by M. B. Synder of Philadelphia; the successful observation of the total eclipse of the sun Aug. 30 by scientists of all nations, and the location of the tenth satellite of Saturn by Pickering of Harvard. Numerous successful experiments in air navigation were made.

Leading Interpretations And Infractions of the Law

Beginning with the Jan. 30 decision of the United States supreme court, which sustained the Grosscup injunction against the beef trust, several opinions handed down by the higher courts have seemed to lean toward the validity of antitrust legislation and extension of the larger corporations' obligations toward the public. The highest court also upheld the Kansas and Texas antitrust laws in February. In May the same court declared the New York franchise tax and the Kentucky corporation tax laws to be valid, and in July it sustained the Arkansas antitrust law.

In twenty-eight states extensive prosecutions have been instituted against commercial or political graft, while the federal government has actually brought a number of the land grabbers to conviction and beef packers to trial. On Sept. 24 at Chicago four beef packers were convicted of accepting rebates and were fined $25,000. Prosecutions were begun at Philadelphia, Chicago and other railroad centers Dec. 13 by the federal government against railroad officials for violation of the rebate law. The gamblers, big and little, have been checked by Jerome in New York, by Governor Hanly in Indiana, and the Sunday race track betting reduced by Governor Folk of Missouri. A big nest of professional swindlers was destroyed at Philadelphia in March following the failure of the Storey Cotton company. The third trial of Senator Burton for his connection with the Rialto Grain and Securities company of St. Louis in November resulted in his conviction and sentence to six months' imprisonment and $2,500 fine.

War and Revolution Crowd the Foreign Horizon

The 1st day of January, 1905, went into history with an event pregnant not only for the year, but for all time, for on that day a Russian soldier emerged from the inner fortress of Port Arthur bearing from its commander, Stoessel, the letter of surrender to that victorious Japanese general, Nogi. At that moment the long cherished dream of an oriental empire and world conquest by the imperial house of Romanoff through the exploitation of 125,000,000 of Muscovite subjects vanished into thin air.

This event, the fall of Port Arthur, which began the year, was also the beginning of the end of the Russo-Japanese war. The siege had cost Japan 55,000 casualties, but the remaining veterans under Nogi were hurled directly northward to re-enforce the left wing of the greatest army ever put afield, commanded by Oyama, along the Hun river, in Manchuria. Though facing the intrenched Russian army of Kuropatkin along the front of a hundred miles or more in dead of winter, the Japanese center advanced to the Sha river and there resisted a terrific attack, while the Russian left flank was turned with Nodzu's flying column—this in two weeks of fighting, ending March 12, compelling the entire army of Kuropatkin to retreat in the utmost disorder from the fortified base about Mukden with immense loss. The Russians retired toward their base at Harbin, closely followed by the Japs. Kuropatkin was superseded by Linevitch.

Marshal Oyama.

Despite this crushing defeat the war lords at St. Petersburg persisted in sending the patched up Baltic fleet, under Rojestvensky, onward into eastern waters to its inevitable defeat, May 27, in the Korean strait, at the hands of Togo's unbeaten sea fighters. Russia's sea power had been completely wiped out, and consequently the time was ripe for the entry of the great American peacemaker, President Roosevelt. His suggestion for a conference between the warring powers was accepted June 15, and the peace envoys met at Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 8. In the meantime the Japanese occupation of the island of Sakhalin had taken place. The peace of Portsmouth was concluded Aug. 29, the main features of the treaty being: Transfer of Port Arthur and control of the Manchurian railway to Japan, Japanese preponderance in Korea, integrity of China, evacuation of Manchuria, division of Sakhalin and Siberian fishing right for Japan.

Russia's year has been one ceaseless reign of terror. The chaotic condition of the existing regime at the close of the year was foreshadowed in the mysterious firing of a cannon over the head of the czar during the ceremony of blessing the waters of the Neva at St. Petersburg on Jan. 19. That ominous incident coincided with the first of the series of strikes which have paralyzed industry and commerce and rendered the government almost helpless. That strike culminated in the "bloody Sunday" of Jan. 22, when a crowd of trusting subjects, led by Father Gopon, who came to present their grievances to the czar in person, were set upon by the soldiery, shot down and trampled in the streets by order of General Trepoff, who had been made dictator of the capital.

Next in the order of revolutionary tactics came the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius at Moscow on Feb. 17 by Kolaieff, an avowed terrorist. On Feb. 23 the accidental firing of the Baltic fleet on British fishermen, with several fatalities, was brought to a peaceable settlement by an arbitration commission at Paris. The czar celebrated Easter by graciously conceding to his subjects liberty of conscience. Following the May riots throughout Poland the zemstvos congress at Moscow May 8 boldly asked for universal suffrage. The next outburst came at Odessa when the sailors of the Kniaz Potemkine mutinied and held the city for several days, while unruly classes pillaged and murdered. The zemstvo men demanded a constitution July 18, and the first congress of peasants was held Aug. 15. On the following day the czar, through his minister Bouligyne, who had succeeded Mirsky, summoned the national assembly, or douma, on a basis of property and class limited suffrage.

These restrictions did not suit the people, and a general railway strike was begun Oct. 24 which for the first time showed the immense power of the labor organization. About this time Count Witte was called to head a liberal cabinet, and through him on Oct. 30 the czar's great manifesto was issued, making a complete surrender of his autocratic powers and granting a constitutional form of government, with guarantees of free press, free speech, free assemblage and other civil rights. Even this and the steady hand of Count Witte did not suffice to stay the revolutionary avalanche. The Jewish massacres at Odessa, Kiev and other parts of southern Russia made terrible the early days of November, and the government acknowledged official connivance therein. Then came the mutiny of sailors at Cronstadt on Nov. 9, after which the railroad strike was resumed. Sailors of the Black sea fleet again mutinied at Sevastopol, Nov. 26, and a mutinous army pillaged Vladivostok and Harbin. All Livonia set up a provincial government on Dec. 12.

Count Witte.

Europe's other storm centers during the year hovered around Morocco, Turkey, Hungary and the Scandinavian peninsula. Not until the resignation of the French foreign minister, Delcasse, June 6, did France and Germany relax their tension. This left matters in the hands of the more conciliating Premier Rouvier, who had succeeded Combes Jan. 19. The outcome was an agreement for the France-German conference at Madrid, with which the year ends. The bill for the separation of church and state passed the French senate Dec. 6. Germany's greatest trouble has been the costly war with her rebellious colony in southwest Africa.

Turkey's repeated refusal to relinquish her hold on Macedonia necessitated the mobilization of the international fleet in Grecian waters and the taking possession of two Turkish ports before the sultan surrendered on a technical compromise Dec. 15.

The unrest in Hungary reached that point where open civil war was only to be averted by the government's introduction of a bill for manhood suffrage Nov. 28.

When King Oscar vetoed the plan for a separate consular service Norway denounced her union with Sweden, June 7. For a time there was fear of war, but a basis of separation was agreed upon by arbitration. Prince Charles of Denmark accepted the call to the throne, entering Christiania Nov. 25.

Great Britain passed most of the year waiting for the Balfour ministry to die. Balfour held on, perhaps to perfect the friendly understanding with France and to complete the new Anglo-Japanese treaty of Aug. 12, and did not resign until Dec. 4, when he was succeeded by a strong Liberal ministry, headed by Campbell-Bannerman and committed to home rule for Ireland.

Educational Tendencies, Hand Craft and Self Expression

From a comprehensive study of the entire field of public and private education, and especially in this country, from kindergarten to university, it is apparent that the two most notable advances of the past year have been in the direction of free manual and artistic expression of the growing pupil on the one hand and of dependence on public opinion for establishing and preserving the requisite degree of order and a safe standard of progress.

Princeton has begun introducing the tutorial system. Columbia has led the way by establishing the principle of international university co-operation, a definite alliance with Berlin university being arranged. Oxford and Cambridge both voted in March to retain Greek. Pennsylvania exonerated Professor Hilprecht of the charges of unscientific conduct brought against him by Dr. Peters. Columbia and the New York university led in a movement of eastern colleges toward the abolition or reform of football. The effort to merge the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Harvard failed on legal grounds. The Carnegie technical schools were opened in one building at Pittsburg Oct. 16.

ROME.

Miss Georgie Study is spending the holidays with her mother.

The funeral services of E. F. Goff of Buffalo, were held in the M. E. church, Sunday morning.

Mrs. Galeesha Crum of Litchfield, and Mrs. U. G. Russell and family of Nichols are spending Christmas with Mrs. S. O. Allen, their mother, who is ill.

Miss Ina Smith is in Sayre during the holidays.

The lecture Dec. 20, by Dr. Davies of Alfred university was very much enjoyed, the subject being "Social and Economic Problems." The entertainment course at the Presbyterian church, has proven to be a financial success, as well as a popular and present social feature. The last number of the course will be, on Jan. 19, by B. A. Nichols, impersonator.

Miss Minnie Boutel of Rochester is visiting her aunt, Miss Olivia Maynard.

The annual dinner of Stevens Post No. 69 will be held Jan. 4, at Ralph Campbell's. The G. A. R. will conduct public installation of officers of the post, at the post rooms, on the afternoon of that day.

SPRINGFIELD.

Owen Cooper has bought the "Old Red House" of E. C. Ely and will remodel it over in a barn.

Mrs. Mary Parkhurst and daughter moved to Elmira last Friday. They will reside for a time with Mrs. Geo. Woodard at Elmira Heights.

Daisy Fuller went to Checkerville last Friday night, to assist in the Christmas exercises.

Mrs. Emerson Crediford served ice cream and cake to her scholars and a few invited friends on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Sallie Harris of Smithfield, is visiting friends here.

Ethel Stacy closed her school at Harkness for the holidays with appropriate exercises on Friday afternoon.

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Happenings in the County

Gathered by Special Correspondents In Many Towns

GRANVILLE CENTER.

Friends coming and going and family gatherings was the way in which Christmas was spent at Granville Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Saxton and daughter from Elmira spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. McKean Bailey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Manley had a gathering of their children and friends for Christmas.

Robert Pruyne's family from Bodines and elsewhere gathered with his daughter, Mrs. Mary West.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saxton had a gathering of their children and friends for dinner on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pruyne and daughter of Binghamton spent Christmas at Glenside with L. D. May's family.

Dr. B. W. Genung and family spent Christmas with the doctor's parents at Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Booth ate their Christmas dinner with their daughter in Rochester.

Alford Bower of Bethany college is here for the holidays, as is Eleanor Saxton of the Mansfield state normal school and George Saxton principal of the Ulster schools.

The grade school at this place is closed on account of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Wright and son of Elmira celebrated at L. D. May's and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Case and children at their parents at Rose Valley.

L. D. May and J. R. Innes attended the international stock show in Chicago last week.

The proceeds of the donation at the parsonage here was $27, instead of $270 as your scribe was made to say last week.

EAST SMITHFIELD.

There has been a goodly ingathering of persons formerly residents here besides some who are home from schools for the holidays.

Mrs. Lucy Harding and her daughter, Miss Lura, of Clarion, Pa., are visiting at Rev. George Ballentine's and will be present at the marriage of Miss Mary Ballentine, Mrs. Harding's niece. Robert Klinestone is to be the fortunate groom.

The mother goose play was a grand success and it may be repeated later.

Very pleasant union exercises of the Sunday schools were given in the Baptist church. The decorations were unique and pretty, thanks to the pastor, Rev. Percy.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bringham of North Dakota are here to spend the winter.

Manley Brookman is visiting in town.

Robert Lane and Ruth Waldron are home from the Mansfield Normal.

Mr. Kelder, of New Albany, is spending Christmas at John Birds.

Harry Wood and family of Elmira, are attending a gathering of relatives at Harry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wood's.

Mrs. Alma Knickerbocker is critically ill at her son's, Joseph Knickerbocker, Esq.

Mrs. Guy Bosworth is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kingsley.

Miss Nora Simple is home from Mansfield.

AUSTINVILLE.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alf Burleigh, Dec. 22, twin boys.

Charles Hartman was called to Elmira to see his sister who is reported very ill.

Miss Lou Eaton is home from the Elmira business college for the holidays.

Mrs. Charles Hartman is staying with her sister, Mrs. Bullock, at Altus.

Mrs. Florence Crippen entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. William Hulslander and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cunningham and families in honor of her son Seth of Johnstown who is spending the holidays here.

Edw. Hall has bought the Kerrick property in this place and will take possession the first of April.

Erwin Buchanan will move on a big dairy farm near Elmira the first of March.

Walter Wilson has gone to Wellsburg to visit his daughter, Mrs. John Tuton.

DURELL.

The farmers' institute will be held at the Grange hall Jan. 3-4. All are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Grace Haight was the guest of Miss Allien Thompson a part of last week.

Frank Frisbie visited relatives at Athens Saturday.

F. D. Kerrick and family, George Kerrick and family and G. L. Kerrick and family spent Christmas at J. Garfield Kerrick's at Asylum.

The Christmas tree at Standing Standing Stone and the cantata at Macedonia had a large attendance from this place. They were both well rendered.

Paul Frutchey of South Towanda is visiting at F. W. Frutchey's.

Shot in the Back.

M. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me., was shot in the back, hourly, day and night, for full thre months; by the shooting, tearing and racking pains of Kidney Inflammation. He writes: "I used three bottles of Electric Bitters, and know that they have permanently cured me, for I feel like a new man. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all sufferers from kidney trouble.' It's just as sure to relieve and cure malaria and all stomach and liver complaints, general debility and female weaknesses. Guaranteed by Turner, the druggist; prive 50c.

WELLS.

Home talent will again repeat the delightful entertainment "Dot The Miner's Daughter" at the church at Gillett next Friday evening, Dec. 29, and all who attended the other time a few weeks ago and many others will be pleased to attend again.

Fred Balmer, who is firing on the Fall Brook division of the Erie, came home to spend Christmas.

T. S. Oldroyd is doing mason work for J. B. Edsall at Pine City.

Newman Benson of this place and Miss Leah Hammond of Millerton were hapily united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents last Wednesday in the presence of over one hundred invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Benson are a popular young couple who have a host of friends to extend good wishes.

Miss Jennie Pettengill is spending some time with Mrs. Jesse Edsall at Pine City.

Charles Douglass has returned home from Philadelphia where he has been engaged at carpenter work.

Michael Hurley of Ridgebury, who spent the season in this place, has gone to Galeton, Pa., fortune telling and other diversion.

The I. O. O. F. gave a Christmas party in their hall at Mosherville last Monday evening and a delightful time was enjoyed.

C. P. Dewey will move his family to Towanda the first of next week. Their departure from this section is deeply deplored by a legion of warm friends.

John McGovern of the interior of New York state is spending some time at E. Sullivan's.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Andrus of Alba and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Argle of Elmira, spent Christmas at the home of the ladies' parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Brown.

M. E. Howell and G. W. Ayres gave a Christmas party in the Grange hall at Gillett Monday night. A large crowd and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Bert Califf has rented the Gillett Hotel of Heman Lewis for the next year and its present proprietor, W. E. Howell, will go to Chemung, where he has purchased a large and expensive hotel. Mr. Howell has the creditable distinction of having run the most perfect hotel at Gillett of any one in a long time.

It is said that a few changes will be made in the mercantile business at Mosherville at or immediately after the New Year.

WARREN CENTER.

A singing class has been organized here with Professor Titus as teacher.

Z. T. Bowen and wife and Edwin Allyn and wife attended a banquet at Nichols last Friday night.

Oscar Bowen of Vermont, is spending some time here with his brothers, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allyn had just got nicely settled in their new house when on the evening of Dec. 15, about one hundred of their friends gave them a genuine surprise. Refreshments were served, and the evening passed very pleasantly. The time came all too soon to bid their host and hostess good night, leaving a nice chair as a reminder of the pleasant evening spent with them, and all wishing they might live many years to enjoy their new house.

George Stetson and Milton Bowen have returned home from the west where they have been about five weeks visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Williams of South Owego spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pitcher.

SOUTH TOWANDA.

Mrs. C. A. Thompson spent Christmas with relatives at Sayre.

Miss Mabel and Eugene Thompson, students at Cornell university, are spending the holidays with their parents here.

Elmer King is visiting his sister at Picture Rocks.

Sanford Smith and Walter Tinna are home from Girard college for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Elson Bennett of Laquin and Mrs. H. M. Bowman of Sayre spent Christmas with their mother, here.

John Leljedol is visiting his sons at Elmira.

Mrs. D. N. Bentley and son of Sayre, spent Wednesday with relatives here.

Miss Edith Swartwood is visting at Elmira.

Mrs. McNeal and two daughters are visiting her mother at Neath.

EVERGREEN.

Miss Olive Hatch of Towanda spent Christmas with her parents here.

Frank Corson of Wilkesbarre is spending some time in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hibbard have commenced housekeeping in the house vacated by W. W. Corson.

Miss Minnie Hakes of Laporte is visiting friends and relatives in this place and vicinity.

Regular preaching services at the church Sunday morning and evening.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lenox, Dec. 20, a daughter.

Born, to Mrs. Samuel Vanooven, Dec. 20, a daughter.

FRANKLINDALE.

Peter and Andrew Merring were called to New Jersey last week by the death of their father.

Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps returned last week from a visit with friends at Sayre and Owego.

Mrs. Frank Smith and children are visiting friends in New York state.

James Lantz is home from New York for his Christmas vacation.

NEW ALBANY.

Miss Ida Billings entertained a select party for a Yulu tide dinner last Wednesday evening. Trailing wood, evergreens, mistletoe and holly were festooned from the corners to the center of the rooms joining a circle of moss hung with red tissue bells and brilliantly illuminated with wax candles.

Bouquets of cut flowers were in evidence and their perfume filled the atmosphere everywhere. The dining room presented a fairy land appearance and the many wax candle jets suspended above the table threw their brilliancy over the scene and through the trailing evergreen which was a dream picture for an artist. The guests were served with several courses of all the luxuries of the season after which they gatherd around the fireplace throwing faggots on the fire and telling stories while they burned. The time passed merrily and all present pronounced it the crowning event of the season. Those from out of town were George Trexler and Morten Boyd of Ricketts, Miss Tileman and Miss Lilly of Dushore and Miss Edith Musselman of Overton.

The Woman's Christian Temperance hold a silver medal matrons contest at the M. E. church next Tuesday evening, Jan. 2. A fine program will be given. George Chubbuck of Monroeton will add much to the entertainment as soloist.

No admission will be charged but a free will offering will be taken to help the temperance work at this place. Everybody is invited to attend.

NEW ALBANY.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Cranmer of Athens are visiting at O. C. Cranmer's.

Miss Olive Norton is home from Ithaca.

Mrs. Wayman and daughter Miss Lillian are spending the week in Sayre.

Those home for the holidays are: Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Lyon of Pike's Creek, Frank Fawcett of Williamsport, George Sumner of Cazenovia, Frank Caster of Ricketts, Olive Molyneaux of Scranton, Charles Corcoran of New York, Chris Platte and F. R. Dempsey of Binghamton.

Harry Biddle of Philadelphia was here on Thursday.

Miss Ethel Arey is visiting in Wyalusing.

John Peckham is home from Frasier, Idaho, visiting during the holidays.

Miss Ida Billing entertained a party of 16 friends at her home on Wednesday at a dinner party. An appetizing dinner was served. The guests from out of town were George Trexler and Morton Boyd of Ricketts and Miss Hileman of Dushore.

Lloyd Harshberger is home from Philadelphia and Bryce Smith from State college for the holidays.

The Baptist congregation had a Christmas tree on Monday evening, the M. E. Sunday school on Saturday.

James Corcoran of Dayton, Ohio, spent Saturday evening in town.

ASYLUM.

Joseph Morey and family of Wheelerville are spending the holidays here.

Miss Clara Saben of Towanda spent a few days last week at George Emery's.

A load of 20 people from this place attended the Christmas exercises Friday evening at Homet's Ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sollick of Sayre spent Saturday at George Sollick's.

E. J. Kerrick and family of Philadelphia and John Biles of Homets Ferry spent Christmas at Wilson Kerrick's.

Fred Cordnor of Ricketts and Mr. Miller of Carbondale are visiting at James Cordnor's.

Martin Butts and mother and Mr. and Mrs. Hallock Kissell spent Christmas at Herrick.

Mrs. Dewitt Chilson, Mrs. Benjamin and daughter and Mrs. Oliver Vanderpool spent Christmas at Claude Burnett's.

RIDGEBURY.

Mabel Carr of Elmira spent Christmas with relatives here.

John Leahy, who has been in the employ of C. E. Hanlon cutting timber, had a tree fall striking him across his back and injuring him quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hanlon went on Saturday to Groveland to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Morrison.

Mrs. Guy Halstead is some better so that she was taken to her father's, Richard Colwell's.

The Van Warren family have seen much suffering with typhoid fever, and on Sunday the mother and daughter were taken to the Arnot-Ogden hospital in Elmira.

Mrs. Guy May visited her son Jeffie in Catlin the past week.

A neighborhood oyster supper and visiting party was held at M. D. Smith Christmas night. A most enjoyable time is reported, with a large crowd in attendance.

WEST FRANKLIN.

L. C. Burroughs and wife spent Christmas with friends at Rome.

Ira Crayton and family of Athens, visted at H. P. Crayton's the first of the week.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Frank Currey Friday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bonney of Leroy, Carl Bonney and family and George Gamble of Towanda were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Burroughs Christmas.

A Bad Scare.

Some day you will get a bad scare, when you feel a pain in your bowels, and fear appendicitis. Safety lies in Dr. King's New Life Pills, a sure cure for all bowel and stomach diseases, such as headache, biliousness; costiveness, etc. Guaranteed at Turner's drug store, only 25c. Try them.

LERAYSVILLE.

Dr. J. C. Tripp of Warren Center and J. A. Murphy were business men in town Saturday.

George Moris of Baltimore, Ned and sister Miss Mabel of Mansfield are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Morris.

Miss Marjorie Bosworth of Bethlehem, is home for the holidays.

Fred L. VanOrman and Earl Lines, who have been working at Lestershire, have returned.

Miss Mabel Coolbaugh of the West Chester school is home for a week's vacation.

Dr. G. W. Durga and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Durga's mother at Lawton.

W. D. and Mrs. Marsh were guests of Commissioner elect Langdon H. Marsh and wife of Wyalusing on Christmas.

The Christmas exercises at the churches on Saturday evening were well attended.

Miss Norma Davis is home from Mansfield.

The families of John C. and H. Ward Beecher took their Christmas dinner with William H. Jones and family at Stevensville.

Mrs. Mattie Mohr and son, have been visiting at F. L. Wood's leave for their home in Philadelphia, this week.

RUMMERFIELD.

Miss Moon of Sayre is visiting at John Moon's.

Dr. Clagett and daughter, Mrs. F. C. Landmesser, attended the Historical meeting in Towanda Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sage are visiting in Sayre.

Mr. and Mrs. Ren Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Bentley of Towanda, spent Christmas at Frank Marshall's.

Bessie Landmesser of Greenwood is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodburn of Wysox spent Christmas with William Stephens.

Mrs. Jensen and sons are visiting her parents in LeRaysville.

Henry Fisher is home from M. S. N. S. for the holidays.

Frank Hunt and family are spending a few days with her brother at Wilkesbarre.

P. V. Fisher and family visited his sister at Tunkhannock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fisher and mother spent Christmas in Towanda.

Pre-Inventory Sale.

for 30 days at Bosworth's cash store at LeRaysville. All furs at less than cost; ladies' 50 cents up; children's sets, 70 cents up. This season's coats and capes and children's coats at less than 95 cents. Children's long coats, aged 4 to 12, good sellers at $2.25, reduced Children's long coats, aged 4 to 12, good sellers at $2.25, reduced to $1.45. Carried over coats at a fraction of real values. Remnants of dress goods and suitings to close at bargain prices. Ladies, children's, men's and boys' sweaters to close at bargain prices. Ladies', children's, men's and boys' sweaters and working coats at reduced prices, also flannellette wrappers and flannel waists at unusually low prices. Still selling sugar at 26 cents for five pound bags and at five cents a pound in 25 pound bags. Blended coffee 16 cents, good as ordinary 20 cent and 25 cent tea good as ordinary 40 cent, so customers say. J. P. Bosworth, Bosworth block. 28dec1t

SACO.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell of Elmira spent Christmas at E. A. Pearsall's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Lewis and family and C. E. McMorran and son Ray spent Sunday at A. J. McMorran's in Towanda.

Miss Belle Pearsall is spending the holiday vacation in Elmira and Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMorran and children, Miss Elizabeth McMorran of Athens, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McMorran and Miss Bessie McMorran of Towanda spent Christmas at C. E. McMorran's.

J. W. Stack of Norristown, N. J., spent a few days with his family at this place.

George Heath left for Long Island Tuesday, where he has a position in a hospital there.

FRANKLINDALE.

Ione McDonald of Mansfield is home spending the holidays.

Addie Lyon is visiting friends at Sheshequin.

Dan Bevan and Blair Lyons is home from the Baltimore Medcal college for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kellog of Big Pond spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alson Lantz.

Will Anderson of Sayre visited his parents Christmas.

Peter and Andrew Merion were called to Newton, New Jersey, last week by the death of their father.

MAC.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gustin and children of Riggs visited friends in this place Monday.

Miss Dora Lane of East Smithfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burr Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr Smith and daughter Irene visited relatives in East Smithfield Monday.

Wilber Grennell of Belleou, Mich., is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Grennell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mingos and sons of Burlington spent Christmas at the same place.

The Only Survivor

of the Hayes Arctic Expedition, Mr S. J. McCormick, now U. S. Depnty Mineral Surveyor, Bliss Station, Idaho, says: "For years I have suffered from severe pains in the hip joint and back bone, depriving me of all power. The cause was Stone in the Bladder and Gravel in the Kidneys. After using Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, of Rondout, N. Y., I was completely cured."

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THE MARKETS.

The Market Reports in the Reporter-Journal and Republican are corrected every week. For Towanda, the quotations on Groceries and Provisions are furnished by M. J. Long; on Hay, Straw and Grain by the Susquehanna Valley Hay Co. The Troy markets are reported by F. H. Hovey, and the General Markets are from the Produce and Live Stock Exchanges.

Towanda Provision Market.

	PAYING	SELLING.
BUTTER	20c to 22c	
EGGS	a 28	
CHEESE		16
LARD		11 a 12c
BEESWAX	22 a	
BEANS	$1.80 a $2.25	
CORN	60c to 65c	
OATS	35c to 37c	
CORN MEAL	$1.40 a 1.50	
FEED	$1,20 a 1.30	
FLOUR, per sack	$1 25 a 1.65	
POTATOES	to c	

Towanda Hay and Grain Market.

LOOSE HAY—No. 1, $9; No. 2, $6; clover mixed, $5.

BALED HAY—No. 1, $11; No. 2, $8; No. 3, $6.

STRAW—Loose Long rye, $8; loose short rye, $4, loose oat, $3; baled short rye, $7; baled oat straw $5.

Troy Markets.

	PAYING
BUTTER, fresh tubs	21c to
EGGS	28c
BEESWAX	a 22c
OATS, per bushel	a 35c
POTATOES, per bushel	60c
BUTTER, prints	24c
APPLES, per bushel	50 to 60

General Markets.

New York, Dec. 26.

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; Minnesota patents, $4.60a5; winter straights, $3.90a4.10; winter extras, $2.85a3.25; winter patents, $4.20a4.55.

WHEAT—Moderate realizing weakened wheat slightly this morning in connection with heavy world's shipments and absence of support; May, 91 5-16a91 9-16c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, common to extra, 16a25c.; state dairy, common to extra, 16a23c.; renovated, common to extra, 15a20c.

CHEESE—Firm; state, full cream, colored and white, small and large, September, fancy, 13¾c.; October, best, 13al3¼c.; late made, small, colored and white, average best, 11¾c.; large, 12c.; skims, 3½c.

EGGS—Firm; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy, selected, white, 36a38c.; choice, 33a35c.; mixed, extra, 33a34c.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 4½c.; country, 4½a4¾c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50a55c.; good to choice, 80a85c.

STRAW—Dull; long rye, 65c.

BEANS—Quiet; marrow, $3.10; medium, $2.15; pea, $1.77½; red kidney, $2.77½a2.80.

WOOL—Steady; domestic fleece, 35a38c.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1905, 10a19c.; 1904, 10a15c.; olds, 5a8c.; Pacific coast, 1905, 10a14c.; 1904, 9a12c.; olds, 5a8c.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

In the district Court of the United States for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Charles U. Ingham Bankrupt, Sayre, Pa, in Bankruptcy, No. 759. To the creditors of Charles U. Ingham, of Sayre Borough, in the County of Bradford, and the district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of December, A. D., 1905, the said Charles U. Ingham was duly adjuciated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned Refereein the Borough of Towanda, Pa., on the 10 day of January 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. John W Codding
Referee in Bankruptcy.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Max Groeper, Bankrupt, Sayre, Pa. In Bankruptcy, No. 757. To the creditors of Max Groeper of Sayre Borough, in the County of Bradford, and the district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of December, A. D., 1905, the said Max Groeper was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned Referee in the Borough of Towanda, Pa., on the 9th day of January at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
JOHN W. CODDING,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Richard H. Drisiane, Bankrupt, Sayre, Pa. In Bankruptcy, No. 754. To the creditors of Richard H. Drisiane, of Sayre Borough, in the County of Bradford and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of December, A. D., 1905, the said Richard H. Drisiane was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned Referee in the Borough of Towanda, Pa., on the 9th day of January, 1906, at 2 o'clock in the after noon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. JOHN W. CODDING,
Rerefree in Bankruptcy.

Executor's Notice.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Russell Miller, deceased, late of Township of Asylum, Pa, having been granted the undersigned, notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for settlement. ELLISTON M. MILLER,
Dec. 21, 1905-6t* Executor.

Application in Divorce.

To James I. Berry: In the Court of Common Pleas of Bradford county, No. 192, Dec. Term, 1905. You are hereby notified that Lida T. Berry your wife, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Bradford county for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and the said Court has appointed Monday, Jan. 8, 1906, at the Court House in Towanda, for hearing the said Lida T. in the premises, at which time and place you may attend if you think proper.
S. F. ROBINSON, Sheriff.
Dec. 7, 1905—4t.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Bradford county the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of John Lewis, late of the Township of Burlington, deceased, will expose to public sale on the premises near Mountain Lake in the Township of Burlington, Bradford County, Penna., on

Friday, January 19, 1906,

at 2 o'clock P. M., the following lots, pieces or parcels of land situate in the Township of Burlington, County and State aforesaid and bounded and described as follows, viz:—

Lot No. 1. On the north by the public road leading from Towanda to Burlington; on the east by the C. F. Nichols farm and land of A. E. Selleck; on the south by land of Reuben Haight and on the west by land now in possession of D. P. Haight, containing 25 acres, be the same more or less and being the same land conveyed by William W. Wardell and wife to John Lewis by deed bearing date the 7th day of October, 1903 and recorded in the office for recording deeds in Bradford County in Deed Book No. 253 at page 408, etc.

Lot No. 2. On the north and west by lands formerly owned by G. P. Davis; on the east by the public highway and land owned by James Nichols; on the south and west by the turnpike road near the Nichols' school house, containing 10 acres of land be the same more or less.

Lot No. 3 adjoining lot No. 2 and beginning in the center of the turnpike road on a corner of a lot No. "3" on Edward Overton's map; thence north 69 degrees east, 77 7-10 perches to a hemlock; thence north 30¼ degrees east, 13 9-10 perches to a mapie tree on the edge of Mountain Lake; thence on a line of said lake along its several courses and distances south 76 degrees east, 15 perches to a pine, corner of the Thomas Smith lot; thence south 1¼ degrees west, 68 perches to a stake near Thomas Smith's corner; thence south 76 degrees West, 92 perches to the turnpike road; thence long the center of said turnpike road to the place of beginning, containing 40 acres more or less, excepting and reserving therefrom 3 acres of land sold and conveyed by Evan Lewis and wife to D. S. Lenox by deed dated November 6, 1882 and recorded in the offices for recording deeds in Bradford County in Deed Book No. 150 at page 16, etc.

Lots Nos. 2 and 3 being the same land conveyed by Evan Lewis and wife by deed bearing date the 1st day of May, 1901 and recorded in the office for recording deeds in Bradford county in Deed book No. 253 at page 404, etc.

Terms of sale—Twenty five percent down on date of sale and the balance on the confirmation of the same.

GEORGE B. LEWIS, Administrator.
Ulster, Pa., December 27, 1905. 3t

Application in Divorce.

To Mary Wise: In the Court of Common Pleas of Bradford county, No. 32, Dec. Term, 1905. You are hereby notified that Albert Wise your husband, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Bradford county for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and the said Court has appointed Monday, Jan. 8, 1906 at the Court House in Towanda, for hearing the said Albert in the premises, at which time and place you may attend if you think proper.
S. F. ROBINSON, Sheriff.
Dec. 7, 1905.—4t.

Administrator's Notice.

Letters of administration on the estate of John McGill, deceased, late of Towanda Borough, Pa., having been granted the undersigned, notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for settlement. L. S. SELLECK, Administrator.
Powell, Pa., R. F. D. No. 43.
Nov. 30, 1905.-6t*

Executor's Notice.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Godfred Henry Shults, deceased late of Monroe Township, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby giventhat all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for payment
EDWARD S. ANDREUS, Executor.
Dec. 14, 1905.-6t

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Notice of Application for Charter.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by Almet N. Broadhead, Arthur C. Wade, John H. Murray, John B. Merkle, Michael Quigley, A. Clark Tobias and Warren E. Case to the Governor of Pennsylvania on the 12th day of January, 1906, at two o'clock P. M. under the provisions of the Act of Assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and government of street railway companies in this Commonwealth.", approved May 14, A. D., 1889, and the amendments thereto for an intended corporation to be called SOUTH WAVERLY STREET RAILWAY COMPANY, the character and object of which is for constructing, maintaining and operating a street railway for public use in the conveyance of passengers by power other than locomotion, the location and route of the same being in the Borough of South Waverly, County of Bradford and State of Pennsylvania, beginning at the Southern terminus of the Waverly, Sayre and Athens Traction Company's right of way on Elmira Street, on the boundary line between the state of Pennsylvania and New York, in the Borough of South Waverly, Pennsylvania; thence Southerly along Elmira Street to the boundary line between South Waverly Borough and Athens Township. Also beginning at a point where Court Street intersects Elmira Street; thence Easterly along Court Street to Loder Street; thence Southerly along Loder Street to Broad Avenue; thence Easterly along Broad Avenue to Howard Street; thence Southerly along Howard Street to Division Street; thence Easterly along Division Street to Warren street; thence Southerly along Warren Street to the premises known as the Curry property; thence Easterly by a private right of way over said Curry property to William Street; thence across William Street to the land known as the Zausmer premises; thence Easterly by a private right of way over the premises known as the Zausmer lands to Keystone Avenue; and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges by said Act of Assembly and supplements thereto conferred.

LILLEY & WILSON,
Solicitors.
South Waverly, Penna., Dec. 20, 1905. 4t

Incorporation Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the First Universalist Society of Towanda will make application to the Court of Common Pleas of Bradford County on Monday, January 8, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., for certain amendments to its charter, to wit: Increasing the number of Trustees from five to eleven; providing for the election of officers by said Trustees; requiring a majority of said Trustees to be members of the Church of the Messiah; providing that a majority of said Trustees shall constitute a quorum and also relative to acquiring and holding property, real or personal, by the said corporation. The proposed amendments are now lodged in the Prothonotary's office for public inspection.

W. E. LANE, Solicitor.
Towanda, Pa., Dec. 13, 1905.—14dec3t

Executor's Notice.

Letters testamentary on the estate of the late W. E. Bramhall, of Campown, Pa., having been granted the undersigned. Notice is hereby given that a l persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for settlement.
F. H. SMITH, Executor.
Dec. 21-6t.

Administrators' Notice.

Letters of administration on the estate of Warren Ellsworth, deceased, late of Cadis, Bradford County, Pa., having been granted the undersigned, notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for settlement. EMOGENE ELLSWORTH,
WEBSTER H. ELLSWORTH,
Dec. 21, 1905.-6t Administrators.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank of Towanda for the election of Directors will be held at the office of the Bank in Towanda, Pa., on January 9, 1906, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, p. m.
J. K. Newell, Cashier.
Towanda, Pa., Dec. 7, 1905.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Towanda for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Bank in Towanda, Pa., on January 9, 1906, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock, p. m.
U. M. FELL, Cashier.
Towanda, Pa. Dec. 7, 1905.

Reporter-Journal Patterns

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ABOUT FOLKS YOU KNOW.

Local Photographs of People Who Are Coming and Going.

Raymond Vanness of North Towanda, is ill at his home.

Leo Wilt is home from New York city for a short vacation.

Mrs. P. C. Gori of Sheshequin is much improved in health.

James Howley is home from New York city for the holidays.

Arthur Snedeker is home from Rochester for the hoidays.

Edward Leljedal of Elmira Heights, spent Christmas in Towanda.

David Pratt is home from Cornell university for the holiday recess.

Morgan S. Kaufman, Esq., of Scranton is spending the holidays here.

Dr. Gustavus Conklin of Orwell, visited the county seat on Thursday.

David Rutty, a senior in Syracuse university, is home for the holidays.

Willis M. Aldrich of Harrisburg, is visiting his father on Poplar street.

Miss Lena Flick of William street is seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia.

Dr. L .R. Lantz of Wyalusing, had business at the county seat Thursday.

J. Roy Lilley, Esq., is home from West Virginia for the Christmas holidays.

W. S. Grant of Philadelphia, is a guest at the home of Mrs. I. O. Blight.

Claude L. Coon, Esq., of New York city, is spending the holidays in this section.

Miss Bessie Geder is visiting relatives and friends in Baltimore and Pittsburg.

Dr. and Mrs. George M. Kinner of North Mehoopany spent Monday in Towanda.

Mrs. Morganroth and daughter Evelyn went Saturday for a short stay in Scranton.

Mrs. Roderick M. McCraney is a guest at the home of H. W. McCraney, Second street.

Miss Nan Horton of Pittsburg is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Horton, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Manley of York, spent Christmas with his parents on South Main street.

Miss Jennie Hale is spending the Winter in Duluth, with her brother, Judge James Hale.

Fred M. Hendelman of New York city, spent Christmas with his father in Towanda.

Ernest Ingham of Rochester, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Ingham.

Will Foster of Buffalo spent Christmas with his brother, G. E. Foster, North Main street.

Henry E. Taylor went Tuesday to New York city to take a position in a large printing office.

Joseph G. Pratt, who has been in New York city for several weeks, is home for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Mingos, and daughter Bessie are spending Christmas in New York city.

Miss Helen Crandell is home from the state normal school at Mansfield for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Calagan are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Philip Blum, at Dansville, N. Y.

Dr. Henry Roberts of Scranton, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Turner, on William street.

George H. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott, is visiting friends in Lock Haven and Driftwood.

Miss Georgia Study of the Lock Haven Normal school is spending the holidays at her home in Rome.

Lester Pierce, private secretary to Congressman Mial E. Lilley, is home from Washington for ten days.

Among the Towanda young men home for the holidays is Joseph A. Head from Syracuse university.

Mrs. Kniffin and daughter Harriett of Elmira, are guests at the home of Hiram Elsbree, Chestnut street.

Miss Aurelia Bresee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bresee, is home from the Mansfield Normal school.

Miss Julia Powell of Washington is visiting her mother, Mrs. Orace Powell, on Pine street for the holidays.

Among thoose who spent Christmas here are Miss Alice DeLano of Elmira and Miss Grace Putnam of Canastota.

Mrs. Fred Camp and little granddaughter Mamie of Laquin visited Tuesday and Wednesday in Towanda.

Mrs. W. Patton Griffiths and daughter have returned from New York, and Miss Anna Griffiths from Wellsville, N. Y.

W. T. Herrington of Naples, a Lehigh Valley baggageman who formerly resided in Towanda, spent Saturday here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Kirby and Miss Mary F. Kirby spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jackson at Berwick.

Miss Louise Myer, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. J. Pitkin, in Davenport, Iowa, returned home last week.

E. E. Katell of Binghamton has been in town a couple of days, as a guest at Mrs. S. O. Goodrich's on Main street.

Mrs. J. E. McKee and Mrs. E. B. McKee have gone to Milwaukee to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McKee.

Miss Edna Mather of Ulster and Miss Alice Cook of Wyalusing are home from Mt. Holyoke College to spend the holidays.

Moses Jeffers of Ulster has been seriously ill with kidney disease. Dr. D. L. Pratt of Towanda and Dr. Blair of Ulster have been attending him.

James Little of Columbia university and Miss Evelyn Little, who is attending school at Overbrook, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiliam Little, on York avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woodin and little son of Orwigsburg, are spending a few days at C. H. Allen's, Poplar street.

Robert F. Kizer and John Quigley of Chatham, Ontario, are spending the Christmas holidays at their homes in Towanda.

Dr. Evan W. Meredith of Pittsburg, is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meredith, Second street.

Earl V. Manley of New York city, spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Manley, South Main street.

George Hoffman of Rochester, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hoffman, on College avenue.

Mrs. George Stevens and two children went Friday to Retreat to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Charles Mayberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Page and daughter of Orange, N. J., are visiting Mrs. Page's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Welles, here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. DeWitt McCraney of New York were Christmas guests at the home of the gentleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCraney.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meredith went Saturday to Johnstown, Pa., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Meredith's mother, Mrs. Morley, who died Friday.

Edward I. Quigley of New York city, an operator for the American-De Forest Wireless Telegraph company, is visiting his father in Towanda.

Miss Clara Lewis of Binghamton, Mrs. Oliver Lewis and Miss Lewis of Waverdly, were Christmas guests at the home of James Lewis, William St.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles U. Ingham of Sayre, spent Monday with the gentleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Ingham, North Main street.

Charley Warriner and his friend, Mr. Tuttle, of Corning, spent Christmas in Towanda with Mr. Warriner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Warriner.

Miss Fannie Moscrip, a teacher in the public schools of New York city, is spending the holiday vacation with her father and brothers in Towanda.

Register and Recorder W. J. McCabe has returned from a trip to North Carolina where he went with County Coroner Guy C. Holcomb of Ulster.

Miss Mary Gordon of Wayne, and Miss Isabella Gordon of Overbrook, are spending the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gordon, in Towanda.

Hiram Mercur of New York, Robert Mercur of Chicago and Misses Mary and Dorothy Rosenmuller of Niagara Falls were Christmas guests at Miss Lillian A. Mercur's.

Miss Helen T. Porter of Philadelphia, who has a responsible position with the Ladies Home Journal, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Porter, on Main street.

Miss Fannie Rooker, a student nurse in the Williamsport hospital, came Monday evening for a brief visit to her parents. George N. Rooker is home from Syracuse university for a two weeks vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, Ex-County Commissioner and Mrs. John H. Murray and children, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford and Miss Lida Murray of Waverly were Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson on Second street.

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Writing under date of Aug. 15. 1904, Mrs. L. C. Walker, of 5 Tremont St., Woodfords, Me., says: "My sister had a terrible humor on her shoulder when she was eighteen months old, causing intense suffering for two years. We had several doctors, and tried everything, but in spite of all we did it kept spreading. One day it would scab over and then crack open and a watery matter ooze from it and the scabs would all fall off. It would be raw for a time, then scab over again. Some one recommended Cuticura, and we immediately procured a box of Cuticura Ointment, and a cake of Cuticura Soap. She was much better after the first bath with warm water and soap, and an application of the Ointment. Before it was half gone we saw a marked change for the better, and she was entirely cured, without a scar being left, by the one box of Ointment and one cake of Soap. Her skin is now entirely clear, and she has not had a sign of trouble since."

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STOURBRIDGE LION WAS SURELY FIRST

B. & O. Relinquishes Claim First American Locomotive.

It is now admitted by authorities beyond the peradventure of a doubt, that the "Stourbridge Lion" was the first locomotive to turn a wheel on the American continent.

Until recently, the honor was given to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, but proof to the contrary was recently made known to E. A. Penniman, of Honesdale. The latter has just published the second edition of "The Stourbridge Lion," a compilation of authorities proving the claim made for the 'Stourbridge Lion" as having been the first locomotive to turn a wheel on the western hemisphere. It also contains a brief biographical sktech and picture of Horatio Allen, the first locomotive engineer in America. The late Dr. Otis Avery, of Honesdale, who was a participant in the events of the "Stourbridge Lion," August 8, 1829, is also prominently mentioned in the write-up.

In a communication to Mr. Penniman, John B. Panghorn, one of the high officials of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, says "There is absolutely no question of the 'Stroubridge Lion' being the first locomotive to turn a wheel on this continent, or of Horatio Allen's distinction as the pioneer locomotive runner."

BRILLIANT DEFENSE.

Army and Navy Journal Speaks of Lieutenant Ansell.

At Cheyenne, Wyoming, last week, Pvt. Robert E. Lee was acquitted by a jury of a charge that he murdered Pvt. John King, by shooting him during a disturbance in a saloon, last September. Speaking of the case the Cheyenne Daily Leader says: "One of the most remarkable features of the trial was the brilliant defense of Private Lee by Attorney S. T. Ansell, a young lieutenant of the 11th Infantry. Although laboring under obvious difficulties, Lieutenant Ansell handled his side of the case in a manner to evoke the warmest admiration of all who heard him. If Lieutenant Ansell ever leaves the Army to take up the practice of law he will have a brilliant future as an attorney. His argument was dignified, forceful and convincing, and was permeated throughout with a quiet vein of humor, displayed at the expense of the State's attorney and several of his witnesses. A crowd that packed the court room followed Mr. Ansell's argument with close attention. The quick acquittal of the defendant caused little surprise to those who had followed the evidence." —Army and Navy Journal, Dec. 23.

Lieutenant Ansell married Miss Meda Tracy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burr Tracy of Towanda and Washington and the notice of his success will be read with interest here.

Waverly Weddings.

Arthur T. Warburton of LeRoy, and Miss Kittie Fowler of Canton, were married at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. George A. Briggs Tuesday evening, Dec. 19.

Lewis Coolbaugh of Minor, Pa., and Frances Allen, of Bernice, were married at the Norwood hotel by Rev. M. S. Godshall, Dec. 19.

Arthur W. Charter of Sayre, and Miss Beatrice Miller of Athens, were married by Rev. George A. Briggs at the Baptist parsonage Tuesday evening, Dec. 19.

George Valentine of Sayre, and Pauline Thetga of Athens, were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. M. S. Godshall Wednesday, Dec. 20. On the same day Dr. Godshall married Mahlon Stark of Sayre, and Zenna Ruger of Laceyville.

This Couple Was Hard Up.

Pennsylvania marriages are coming thick and fast. The ever watchful Henderson Brown picked up a couple at the Erie depot Saturday night and escorted them to a parsonage to have the ceremony performed. Henderson and most of the ministers have an "understanding" in such cases and the fee is divided. This couple could only scrape up but $1.24 between them. Tuesday Henderson brought a couple to be married. They looked more prosperous and a better fee was in prospect. Alas, the couple had only an even dollar. Yes, there was a division in this instance too.—Waverly Free Press.

Mrs. Opper Very Sick.

J. H. Brown received a telegram Wednesday announcing the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. F. H. Opper, of Savanah, Ga. On their return voyage from Europe the weather was very stormy and Mrs. Opper suffered greatly from sea sickness, which continued after her arrival in Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Opper went to Savannah last week Monday, but Mrs. Opper has continued to grow worse.—Canton Sentinel.

Susquehanna Girl Missing.

A reward of $100 is offered for the return, alive, of Maude E. Haynes, who has been missing from her home in Susquehanna since the evening of Dec. 13. She is described as wearing a red Tam o'shanter, black skirt, silk waist, black stockings and high shoes. Her coat was of brown material trimmed with green braid and brass buttons. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Haynes of Susquehanna.

This Stock Was Good.

In 1902 a number of Berwickians purchased some Imperial Mining stock at 25 cents a share. Though a few followed its advances the remainder did not know until the agent, James Shaffer, appeared in town last week that their investment had increased 400 percent, and the stock they purchased at 25 cents was worth $1,255 per share.

FIRE AT WARRENHAM.

The Fine Farm Dwelling of Geo. F. Dewing Was Destroyed.

The handsome residence of Geo. F. Dewing at Warrenham, twelve miles south of Owego, was consumed by fire at about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, Dec. 17, with its contents. The members of the family barely escaped with their lives. The house was a comparatively new one and was built about 16 years ago.

Mr. Dewing and his three daughters occupied the house. Miss Frances Dewing was awakaned by the crackling of the flames. She did not realize that the house was on fire. She noticed a bright light and believed that her father had arisen. She called to him and received no response, as he was still sleeping. She went down stairs, where she discovered the house in flames. She then awakened the household and all rushed out of the burning dwelling. Miss Elizabeth Dewing had sufficient presence of mind to gather an armful of wearing apparel. All barely escaped with their lives. If Miss Dewing had not awakened probably all would have perished.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Dewing has a milk separator in the rear of the house. The separator is run by a small engine. It is surmised that a spark lodged somewhere in the woodwork, smoldered, and then was fanned into a flame.

The loss is a heavy one to Mr. Dewing. He carried an insuance of $1,400 on the house and $200 on its contents. Neither will cover the loss The house could not be rebuilt today for $3,500.—Owego Gazette.

HONESDALE'S LUCK.

Gets a Big Cocoa, Chocolate and Confectionery Plant.

A big cocoa, chocolate and confectionery establishment is to be located in Honesdale. Work on it is to be commenced at once and it is expected to be ready to be in operation by June 1 next. The authorized capital is $400,000 but only $150,000 will be spent to start the plant.

The new establishment will be located on the site of the old glass factory in East Honesdale. Eight acres have been purchased and the various buildings of the big new industry will be erected thereon. Options have been secured for 20 more acres upon which will be uilt houses for the employes of the plant.

About 200 hands will be employed. They will all be Hollanders, experts in the making of cocoa, chocolate and confections. They will be brought direct from Holland.

It is understood that Honesdale's fine water secured the industry. If this is the case Towanda ought to secure a similar establishment.

An Unofficial Champion.

An unofficial world's record for a high run, at fifteen ball pool, was made on Saturday evening at Binghamton, by Grant Eby, in his match game with W. H. Clearwater. With the game standing 134 to 71 against him, in the third frame, Eby got an opening and ran the fourteen balls. Clearwater broke for the fifteenth frame and Eby cleared the table. He continued his remarkable run to the conclusion of the game, making a score of 98 straight balls and winning the match by a score of 150 to 134. Had the game been played under championship conditions, with regularly authorized referee and judges the record would stand, but under the conditions on Saturday night it will remain unofficial, Jerome Keogh, formerly of Binghamton, held the previous unofficial record of 78 balls.

A Fallen Monarch.

Probably the largest log ever skidded in Potter county was the one skidded by W. O. and E. R. Duell recently at the head of Lyman's run. The circumference of the log at the butt was 12 feet and 3 inches. At the top end, 11 feet, 10 inches, and in length measured 40 feet. It scaled 4,203 feet. The tree was the largest one ever heard of in that section and besides the log described the following logs were taken from it: One 16 feet long, two 12 feet long and one 10 feet long.

Hearing Adjourned.

Application was made before the New York State Railroad commission this week for the granting of a franchise to the Elmira, Corning & Waverly Railroad Co., for the construction of a road between Elmira, Corning and Waverly. The hearing was adjourned until Jan. 10, 1906, when it will be heard in Albany.

Resolutions of Respect.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Franklindale M. E. church have adopted resolutions to the memory of L. Ellis, a zealous supporter of the society. The committee on resolutions was Perry Brown, Wm. Compton and E. O. Willey.

Athens Teacher Resigned.

C. I. Philips has resigned his position in the Athens High School and accepted one with a subsidiary company of the Westing house Electrical company in Pittsburg. Charles Lancaster will fill the vacancy.—Athens News.

School Principal Resigns.

Vice Principal Bingham of the Troy high school has resigned and after the holiday vacation will be principal of the Newport, Pa., public school which has an enrollment of about 400 and nine teachers.

Sayre Contractor Bankrupt.

Richard H. Drislane of Sayre, a carpenter and builder, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in which his assets are given as $2,805.39 and the [illegible] $5,103.00.

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You can hardly find a home without its Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Parents know what it does for children: breaks

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MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INSTITUTE.

New Floors, New Paper and Paint, With Other Desirable Changes.

When the second half of the school year begins at the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute on Tuesday, Jan. 2, the students will return to a building fairly transformed by the desirable and beautifying changes made. The fund of $300 raised by the ladies of the Historical club and the money given by the board of trustees has been used to lay new floors in the first floor hall and the library, to paper and paint the chapel, which will be used also by Miss Mary Welles, the new teacher of elocution; and the same improvement has been made in three recitation rooms. New rugs have been provided for the library and the hall, and a set of dishes and a new sideboard purchased.

Other changes made are the removal of the basket ball practice from the second to the fourth floor, and the cutting of the necessary doors and the building of a stairway to enable students to reach the lavatory from the second story without passing through the main hall.

At the reopening of school next Tuesday Principal Morrison expects several new students, and new classes will be commenced in latin, grammar, elocution, arithmetic, etc. Miss Mary Welles will begin her duties at this time as teacher of elocution.

PHELPS—WALDO.

Happy Wedding Celebrated on Christmas Night at Wyalusing.

A pretty wedding—attended by nearly 50 guests—was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Lucy Waldo, at Wyalusing, Christmas night, when the younger daughter, Miss Nettie, was united in marriage to Webb B. Phelps of Elmira. The bride, attired in silk mull and carrying a bouquet of roses, was attended by Miss Alice Hoffman, wearing white mull over pink silk, and Herbert Phelps was best man; the wedding march being played by Miss Laura Gaylord with violin accompaniment by Charles Hemenway, the ceremony—a ring being used—performed by Rev. H. C. Snitcher, pastor of the Prsbyterian church.

Taking the midnight train northbound, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps started on their honeymoon trip, the itinerary taking in Binghamton, Cortland and other Central New York places. The popularity of the bride who comes from good stock and who for several years has been engaged in teaching, was attested by the handsome array of presents—silver, china, cut-glass, etc. The groom, a draughtsman employed by the LaFrance Fire Engine Co. of Elmira, starts out with auspicious surroundings and tokens of a bright future for himself and bride.

Among the out-of-town guests were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Phelps and Herbert Phelps of Cortland, N. Y., Chas. Hemenway of Binghamton, F. J. Armstrong and family of Athens, L. J. Waldo and family of Wysox, E. E. Waldo of Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Browning of Spring Hill, Misses Dora and Phoebe Travis of New Era.—Rocket.

Deaths at Sayre.

Thomas A. Brickley, died on Sunday morning after many years illness with cancer.

Mrs. Maria Barnes died on Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Swartwood, aged 79 years.

Mrs. Betsey Shumway died on Sunday morning at the home of her son, T. S. Shumway, aged 80 years. She had been ill two weeks with grip. The body was taken to Laceyville for interment.

Jesse, the two years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sherman, died on Sunday morning after a few days' illness with scarlet fever.

Local News in Brief.

A lodge of the Modern Protective association at Sayre has been started at LeRaysville.

A social will be held at the North Towanda M. E. church on Friday evening, to which everybody is invited.

Helen Newman, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Newman of Canton, was buried Sunday from the Newman residence.

John W. Woodburn.

John W. Woodburn, proprietor of the Rome hotel, died at 9:15 o'clock yesterday morning, after a brief illness with typhoid pneumonia. He is survived by his wife and four children. Mr. Woodburn was a very popular young man with a wide acquaintance.

GREAT ATHLETIC RECORD FOR STATE COLLEGE.

Thirty-Five Out of Forty-Four Contests Were Won by State.

The year 1905 has been a most successful one in athletic contests at State college. Forty-four contests were made with different college rivals and thirty-five of that number resulted victoriously for State. In basketball, Captain Dunn's five won seven out of nine games; Captain Holinbacker's men were victorious on the track in three out of four events, while Captain Ray's baseball nine captured sixteen out of nineteen games, and on the gridiron Captain Yockley's eleven won nine out of twelve contests.

In these forty-four contests State totaled 893½ points to 375½ for its opponents. Fifteen of these events were held at State College, on Beaver field, and all resulted in victories, while out of twenty-nine contests away from home twenty were successful. Of the larger colleges met by State in different branches of sport, Princeton was defeated in baseball, Pennsylvania in basketball, the Carlisle Indians on the track and Yale played to a standstill in football.

State's students and alumni are justly proud of this record, and have great confidence in the White and Blue teams for the coming year, although by graduation it has lost two varsity basketball men, three baseball players and six athletes from the track.

NEW YEAR MAGIZINES.

What the Periodicals are Offering in The January Numbers.

The January Century is an especially interesting number, containing as it does the second installment of Frederick Trevor Hill's "Lincoln the Lawyer." Mrs. Humphrey Ward's novel "Fenwick's Career," has reached a point of great interest; it describes the Christmas season in Old England. The illustrations are a particularly enjoyable feature of the Century at all times.

A reader of the Cosmopolitian who has not seen that magazine in the past few months wil be astonished at the strides that have been made in bringing it to the very front rank of ten cent periodicals. It's articles are timely, profusely and well illustrated, and the whole tone is of that up-to-dateness that pleases.

The January issue of Lippincott's contains Marie Van Vorst's new novelette, "The Master of Craven." This tremendously strong tale is bound to excite—and abundantly interest wherever the name of Van Vorst is known among all classes. Of the half-dozen short stories which follow "The Master of Craven," each one possesses a delightfully distinct significance and individualism.

Troy People to Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ballard and daughter left Tuesday morning to spend the winter at their cottage in West Palm Beach, Florida. Just prior to their departure Mr. and Mrs. Ballard announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine E. Ballard, and Hon. Willard D. Morse, who accompanied them as far south as Baltimore.—Troy Gazette-Register.

Highly Valued Fingers.

It is stated that Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Darrow of Owego, who are among the leaders in the "finger shadowgraph" have each of their fingers and thumbs insured for $1,000 or $10,000 for the loss of both hands. In the event of accidents to their hands serious to prevent their giving exhibitions they will draw $150 per week for not to exceed 40 weeks.

Waverly Had Two Fires.

At an early hour Thursday morning a fire of unknown origin did between $10,000 and $12,000 damage to the office building and lumber yards of H. J. Baldwin & Son at Waverly. There was an insurance of about $7,000 on the property. A fire also occurred in Harding's shoe store at Waverly that day but did but slight damage.

Electricity in Dushore.

Dushore borough is to have an electrict light plant. I. N. Davis of Wyalusing, has made a canvass of the town and is to go ahead with the work. The Review states that ground was broken on Wednesday morning of this week on a lot on Cherry street, just above the railroad trestle.

Industrial School Christmas.

Through the kindness of E. L. Smith and some of his friends the children of the Industrial school were given a fine Christmas treat. The ladies having the school in charge and the pupils greatly appreciate the kindness of the donors.

The great dollar weekly—Reporter-Journal—the best in its class.

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TIME IS CHEAP HERE

Having bought 40 fine parlor clocks from the failures of Johns & Gleason of New York, at less than ½ value, I will sell an $8.00 clock for $4.50, a $6.00 one for $2.75. These clocks are made by the best manufacturers in the world, being the famous Wm. L. Gilbert, the Sessions, and Seth Thomas makes; also a fine line of gold plated clocks, fancy nickle clocks, etc. They are beauties, and think of it, only ½ the regular price. I had to buy them, they went so cheap, and now it is your chance to get one.

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